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Date _____

Late to School Cause and Effect – ANSWER KEY

Directions: Read the story. Then fill in the chart of causes and effects.

Alisa awoke for school at what seemed like an unusually late time; she glanced at the clock to see: 7:45. She should have been up 45 minutes earlier and had missed her bus. Darting downstairs, she saw that her mom had already left for work. Hurrying back upstairs, she skipped her slow getting ready routine, in hopes of catching a ride with her neighbor. She didn't want to be late to school because there were only nineteen days left, and she had had perfect attendance the entire year. Hurrying back downstairs, she picked up the phone and dialed her neighbor's number. The phone rang, but there was no answer. She exited the door, stepping out onto the front porch, just in time to see the tail lights of her neighbor's familiar red car drive off into the distance. Sighing, she sank to the porch, unsure of what to do. After a little more thought, she hurried back inside, phoned her mom's nearby office, explained the situation, and then awaited for her mom to return home. Less than happy, her mom pulled up in the driveway five minutes later. Due to the time constraints, and her own need to be back at work for an important meeting, Alisa's mother, drove rather fast, but they arrived safely at ABC Middle School, with just enough time left for Alisa to make it homeroom without being tardy.

CAUSE	EFFECT
Alisa overslept.	She missed her bus.
She skipped her slow getting ready routine.	She was trying to catch a ride with her neighbor.
She saw her neighbor's car drive off.	She grew frustrated.
Alisa had no other way to school.	Alisa's mother returned home from work.
She needed to get back to work for an important meeting.	Alisa's mother drove rather fast.
Alisa's mom picked her up and drove quickly to reach their destination.	Alisa made it to homeroom without being tardy.