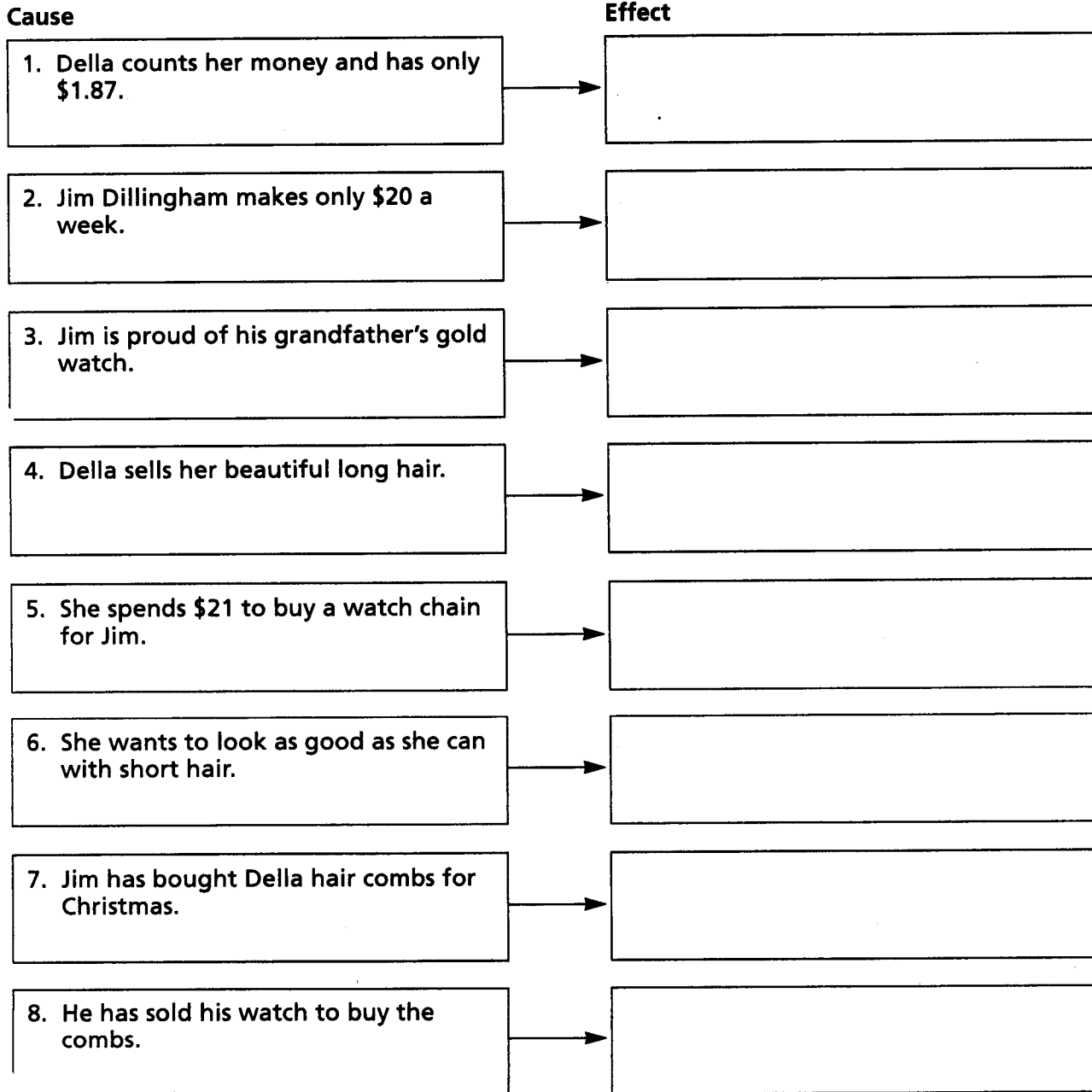


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Strategic Reading: Literature

Making a Cause-and-Effect Diagram

The series of events that make up the plot of a story are often connected by cause and effect. Certain situations cause the characters to react in specific ways. As you read "The Gift of the Magi," complete this cause-and-effect diagram by writing an effect for each cause that is given.



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Reading SkillBuilder

Clarifying the Main Idea

Active readers ask themselves questions as they read to make sure they are following the key ideas in a story or selection. One type of question you can ask yourself is, "What is the main idea of this part of the story?" Complete the chart by writing down the main idea in each section listed.

Section of the Story	Main Idea
1. Page 427, paragraphs 1 and 2	
2. Page 427, paragraphs 3-5	
3. Page 427, second column	
4. Page 428, first paragraph	
5. Page 428, rest of first column	
6. Page 428, second column	
7. Page 428, last paragraph; page 430, first two paragraphs	
8. Page 430, rest of page	
9. Page 431, first column	
10. Page 431, second column	

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Reading SkillBuilder

Evaluating

In this selection Dr. Carson describes the cases of three different children under his care. In each case, he performs a complicated and dangerous operation. Decide for yourself which case was the most important achievement for Dr. Carson. Complete this chart to help you make your evaluation.

	How do the other doctors react to the situation?	How do the family members react?	What is the result of the operation?
Bo-Bo			
Charles			
Danielle			

Which case was the most important achievement for Dr. Carson? Give reasons for your evaluation.
