



Explain causes and effects

Name: _____

Date: _____

A school garden was drying out during a warm week. The class checked the soil and found it dry beneath the surface. Students took turns watering early in the morning. They also covered the soil with a thin layer of mulch. Their teacher explained that mulch helps soil hold moisture. After several days, the plants looked healthier. The class continued checking the soil instead of watering without first seeing whether the plants needed it.

1. What caused concern about the garden?

2. What two actions did the students take?

3. Why did they add mulch?

4. Why did they check the soil before watering?

☐ I tried it.

☐ I checked it.

☐ I want another sheet.

Grown-up check (similar wording is fine): 1) dry soil during a warm week | 2) morning watering and mulch | 3) helps soil hold moisture | 4) to see whether water was needed