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Tell Me Why

Directions: Read the Scholastic News Online article about King Tut (“Mummy Murder Mystery Solved”). Then read each sentence below. Underline the cause. Circle the effect.

Here is an example:

We found the news article useful because we were studying King Tut in history class.

1. King Tut is famous because his tomb was packed with treasures.
2. Because he died at the age of 19, Tut’s reign was short.
3. Scientists believe they now know what killed King Tut because they performed an investigation using forensic science.
4. King Tut had a disease called malaria, so he probably had a weak immune system.
5. Scientists were able to perform an autopsy on King Tut because his mummy is well-preserved.
6. Scientists wanted to know what killed Tut, so they did DNA tests and bone scans.
7. Because he had a bone disease, King Tut had to use canes or walking sticks.
8. Scientists guessed that Tut used canes because they found many canes in his tomb.
9. Scientists know that Tut had a broken leg because they did a bone scan on his mummy.
10. Tut’s broken leg would not heal because his body was too weak.

Go Further! List some words that can help you recognize a cause-and-effect statement.
