

A Smashing Performance!

DIRECTIONS: Read the story. Complete the chart below.

Raymond wanted to be in the school talent show, but he wasn't getting much support from his friends.

"I hate to tell you this, Ray," Peter said, "but you don't have any real talent."

"I can play the guitar," Ray said.

Peter looked at him doubtfully, but Ray didn't care. He signed up for the talent show. He practiced day and night, so that he could play the one song he knew without making a mistake.

On the day of the talent show, Ray was very excited. He was going on right after Frank's skateboard demonstration. He was so excited, that when his turn came, he hurried out to the stage without making sure that Frank and his skateboard had been cleared away. Ray stepped on Frank's skateboard and sailed across the stage, off the other side, and down into the audience with a crash. As he hit the ground, he struck a chord with a loud twang, and his guitar strings popped. Ray was mortified, but suddenly everyone began to clap. Ray's performance was the most exciting thing they had seen all day!

CAUSE

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EFFECT

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