Part III: Finding Cause and Effect

A **cause** is something that makes something else happen. An **effect** is the thing that happens. Recognizing causes and effects can help you understand what is happening and why it is happening.

Complete the following chart by filling in the missing causes and effects.

1. **Cause:** Ji-li stays home from school for over a year.
   **Effect:**

2. **Cause:** When Ji-li returns to school, all her classes teach Communist ideology and the sayings of Chairman Mao.
   **Effect:**

3. **Cause:** Ji-li’s father refuses to confess crimes he did not commit.
   **Effect:**

4. **Cause:** Teacher Zhang considers Ji-li to be “an educable child.”
   **Effect:**

5. **Cause:** Ji-li refuses to testify against her father.
   **Effect:**
VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: CLARIFYING WORD MEANINGS
Demonstrate your understanding of the words *vigorous* (p. 174), *brusquely* (p. 183), and *tenuous* (p. 184) by answering the following questions:

1. What are three types of *vigorous* exercise?

2. How might a salesclerk treat a customer *brusquely*?

3. How close is a *tenuous* family connection to a famous person?

PREDICTING WHAT’S NEXT
Ji-li again has a chance to excel in school. How might her talents help her to overcome her family background?