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definition example cause and effect

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example definition cause and effect

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cause and effect example contrast

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definition contrast cause and effect

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example definition contrast

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cause and effect contrast example

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a. animals that lay eggs
b. animals that live only in trees
c. animals that carry their babies in a pouch

Some frogs are camouflaged, which means their colors help them hide. What does camouflaged mean?

a. colored to blend in and hide
b. brightly colored to be seen
c. very poisonous

Celestial objects, such as stars, planets and moons, filled the night sky. What does celestial mean?

a. very bright
b. in the sky or in space
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My brother is frugal, while my sister spends all her money. What does frugal mean?

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One way: Kind: definition. Meaning: the remains of something that lived long ago.

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One way: Kind: contrast. Meaning: very cold.

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