

Cause and Effect Diagram Worksheet

Use this tool (also known as a fishbone diagram or Ishikawa diagram) with your team to explore the many causes contributing to a certain effect or problem. As you identify causes, you may think of smaller causes that contribute to the larger causes; keep drilling down as much as it is helpful. See the [full version](#) of this tool for an example.

Project or Aim:

- 1) Input the effect you'd like to influence.
- 2) Input categories of causes for the effect (or keep the classic five).
- 3) Input causes within each category.

