

Purpose: Cause - Effect

Title: How Bear Lost His Tail

Characters?

Setting?

Bear
Fox

Lake

Before

Bear had a long, beautiful, furry tail.

After

Bear lost his long, beautiful, furry tail.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

1. Bear always bragged about his tail.
 2. Fox decided to play a trick on Bear.
 3. Fox told Bear to use his tail for ice fishing.
 4. Bear fell asleep for so long that the ice hole froze over.
 5. When Bear jumped up, his tail snapped off.
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Notes:

- Event #1 has to happen because it explains WHY there is a trick being played on Bear. Before we can explain HOW the trick is played, we need to know WHY it is being played. If it wasn't for Event #1, none of the other events would have happened, and there would be no change to Bear's tail.

Sample Introductory Sentence	Sample Concluding Sentence
In the story <u>How Bear Lost His Tail</u> , Bear changes.	As you can see, Bear can't brag about his tail anymore.

- When thinking of the Concluding Sentence, ask yourself: What was life like for Bear at the beginning of the story? What did he like to do? Is that going to be the same now that he has changed? Why not? Can you come up with one sentence to explain how life will be different for Bear now that he has changed?

Story Map Writing: How Bear Lost His Tail
Cause - Effect

In the story How Bear Lost His Tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a long, beautiful, furry tail. Bear always bragged about his tail. Fox decided to play a trick on Bear. Fox told Bear to use his tail for ice fishing. Bear fell asleep for so long that the ice hole froze over. When Bear jumped up, his tail snapped off. At the end, Bear lost his long, beautiful, furry tail. As you can see, Bear can't brag about his tail anymore.