

Student Exemplars
for
Cause – Effect
Paragraphs

Story:
How Bear Lost His Tail

Independent Practice

The first two exemplars feature a student's Story Map followed by his/her written paragraph. The remaining exemplars feature their written paragraph.

Purpose: Cause - Effect

Title: How Bear Lost his Tail.

Characters?

Bear
Fox

Setting?

Lane

In the beginning, Before

Bear had a nice long bushy tail.

At the end, After

Bear's tail became very short.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

1. Bear always brags about his tail so Fox decides to play a trick on Bear.
2. Fox brought Bear down to the lake and he said to try fishing with his tail.
3. Fox left and Bear fell asleep. when he
4. When he woke up his tail was frozen in the water, and it snapped off.

story Map writing
Cause-Effect

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3/11/04

In the story, How Bear Lost his Tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a nice long bushy tail. Bear always brags about his tail, so Fox decides to play a trick on Bear. Fox brought Bear down to the lake and he said to try fishing with his tail. Fox left and Bear fell asleep. When he woke up, his tail was frozen in the water, and it snapped off. At the end, Bear's tail became very short. Hence, now Bear can't brag about his tail anymore.

Purpose: Cause - Effect

Title: How Bear Lost his Tail

Characters?

Bear
Fox

Setting?

~~North~~
the woods

Before
~~Beginning~~
In the Beginning,

Bear had a beautiful long tail.

After
At the end,

Bear has a short stubby tail.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

- First,
- ① Bear made people admire his tail.
 - ② Next, Fox gets fed up and thinks of a plan to make Bear's tail fall off.
 - ③ then ~~fox~~ ^{he} tells Bear to stick his tail in the cold lake to catch some fish.
 - ④ After that Bear gets tired and falls asleep with his tail still in the water.
 - ⑤ After a while, Fox wakes Bear up and tells him to get out of the water; Bear gets up and his frozen tail snaps off.

Story Map Writing
Cause-Effect

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Student 2

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In the story How Bear lost his Tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a beautiful long tail. First, Bear made people admire his tail. Next Fox gets fed up and thinks of a plan to make Bear's tail fall off. Then he tells Bear to stick his tail in the cold ^{lake to} catch fish. After that, Bear gets tired and falls asleep with his tail still in the water. After a while, Fox wakes Bear up and tells him to get out of the water. Bear gets up and his frozen tail falls off. At the end, Bear has a short + stubby tail. As you can see, Bear learned a very important lesson that he should not brag.

March 11, 04
In the story How Bear lost his tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a beautiful tail. First, Bear always brags about his tail so fox decides to play a trick on Bear. Next, fox told Bear how to catch fish faster. After that, Bear digs a hole in the ice and puts his tail in the ice and falls asleep. Last fox tells Bear he has a fish on his tail, and it breaks off because it is frozen in the ice. At the end, Bear has a short tail. As you can see, Bear can't brag about his tail any more.

Cause-Effect

Mar. 11, 2004

In the story How Bear Lost his tail, there is a trick. In the beginning, Bear had his beautiful black tail. Bear bragged about his beautiful black tail, so bear decides to play a trick on Bear. Next, Bear puts his tail in the water. Then he fell asleep and his tail got frozen. Then Bear wakes up and stands up on the ice and his tail snaps off. At the end, Bear lost his beautiful tail. In conclusion, Bear can't brag about his tail anymore.

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x In the story, How Bear Lost his Tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a beautiful, long, furry tail. First, Bear always brags about his tail. Next, Fox wants to play a trick on Bear. Then Fox tells Bear how to ice fish by putting his tail in the water. After that, Bear falls asleep and his tail gets frozen. Finally, when he wakes up and tries to stand up, and his tail snaps off. At the end, Bear has a short, little tail. Hence, Bear can't brag about his tail any more.

Cause-Effect
Story map writing

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March 11, 04

In the story, How Bear Lost his Tail, Bear changes. In the beginning, Bear had a tail that ^{was} beautiful. First, fox wants to play a trick on bear because Bear brags about his tail. Next, fox tells Bear to put his tail in the water because he said that it will make good bait for catching fish. Finally, his tail freezes off him. At the end, he has no tail on him. As you can see, Bear can't brag about his tail.

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In the story How Bear
lost his Tail, Bear changes. In the
beginning, Bear has a shiny,
long, black tail and think it's
best. First, Bear brags about his
tail, so fox plays a trick on
him. Next, Fox tells Bear that
if he puts his tail in the
water he will catch fish.
Then Bear sits down and,
while his tail is in the
water, it freezes. Finally,
Fox tells Bear that he
has a fish and when he
sits up his tail snaps. At
the end, Bear has a stub
for a tail. Hence, Bear
can't brag about his tail
anymore.