

Student Exemplars  
for  
Cause – Effect  
Paragraphs

Story:  
How the Cockatoo Got its  
Crest

Independent Practice

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

March 17, 2004

Purpose: Cause-effect

Title: How the Cockatoo got its Crest

Characters?

The other birds  
The Cockatoo

Setting?

Australia

In the beginning, Before

The cockatoo was all white.

At the end, After

The cockatoo has a yellow crest.

List the EVENTS on the back.

# Events

① <sup>Firstly</sup> The other birds teased the cockatoo because he didn't have any colors.

② <sup>Next</sup> While he was walking he noticed some colored feathers, then he put them in his tail.

③ <sup>Then</sup> When he was walking the other birds noticed he had their feathers, so they started plucking his feathers.

④ he flew all the way up to the sun and hit it, the sun was <sup>so</sup> hot it made the cockatoo's crest yellow.

Cause-effect

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In the story How the Cockatoo got its crest, there is a cockatoo who lives in Australia. In the beginning, the cockatoo was all white. First, the other birds teased the cockatoo because he didn't have any colors. Next, while he was walking he noticed some colored feathers, then he put them in his tail. Then when he was walking, the other birds noticed he had their feathers, so they started plucking his feathers. Finally, he flew all the way up to the sun and hit it, the sun was so hot it made the cockatoo's crest yellow. At the end, the cockatoo has a yellow crest. Hence, now the bird can't tease him anymore.

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1. All the other birds teased Cockatoo because he is not colorful.

Next,

2. Cockatoo finds a <sup>colorful</sup> feather on sticks the ground and tail but the other birds pulled out the feather from his tail.

Finally,

3. Cockatoo flew up and hit the sun and then a yellow crest shot up on the top of his head.

Story Map Writing  
Cause - Effect

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In the story How the Cockatoo got its Crest, Cockatoo changes. In the beginning, Cockatoo was all white. All the other birds teased Cockatoo because he is not colorful. Next, finds colorful feathers on the ground and sticks them on his tail but the other birds pulled them out of his tail. Finally, Cockatoo flew up and hit the sun and then a yellow crest shot up on the top of his head. At the end, Cockatoo has a yellow crest. Hence, Cockatoo likes the way he changed.