

Purpose: Problem - Solution

Title: Aunt Eater Collects Her Mail

Characters?

Aunt Eater
Mr. Chumly
Lester
Mailman

Setting?

Aunt Eater's mailbox
Aunt Eater's house
Mr. Chumly's house

Problem

The note says that someone is coming back at 3:00, but Aunt Eater doesn't know who it is from.

Solution

The note was from the mailman because he has a package to deliver for Aunt Eater.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

1. Aunt Eater thinks the note may be for her neighbor, Mr. Chumly, so she watches his house (to see if anyone arrives at 3:00). (Or: Aunt Eater watches Mr. Chumly's house because she thinks the note might be for him.)
2. When Aunt Eater sees a strange man go into Mr. Chumly's house at 3:00, she decides to go investigate. (by asking for a cup of flour)
3. Aunt Eater finds out that the strange man is Mr. Chumly's brother bringing the laundry, and he didn't write the note.
4. While she is at Mr. Chumly's house, the mailman comes by looking for Aunt Eater.

Notes:

- It is helpful if the Introductory Sentence explains that there is a mysterious note in Aunt Eater's mailbox, because then the Problem only needs to explain **why** the note is mysterious. (What is said in the Introductory Sentence will affect how much information needs to be given when stating the Problem.)
- With this story, it is a little tricky to have the events flow from one to the next in a way that makes sense. (and to explain how each event relates to Aunt Eater's efforts to solve the problem). The dependent clauses at the beginning of Events #2 and #4 are included to help it make sense how one event flows to the next, and how the event connects to solving the problem. These clauses also serve as transitions, and so the usual "transition words" like "next, finally, after that" don't need to be used at the beginning of these events.
- It is also tricky to have a smooth flow from the last event to the solution – so that they both don't end up saying the same thing.

Sample Introductory Sentence	Sample Concluding Sentence
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Story Map Writing: Aunt Eater Collects Her Mail
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