

# Our Cause-Effect Paragraphs

Foxy's Tale

To see our 4-Square Letters to Mr. White, go  
the "Standard 4" section of "4-Square Writing."

Mr. White,

This page describes the “recipe” that we use for writing our “cause-and-effect” paragraph. The next page shows how we turn our Story Map into a paragraph.

### Our Generic Recipe for a Paragraph in Response to Literature

Order	Sentence	Job
1	Introductory Sentence	The “main idea” of the whole paragraph - state what the paragraph is going to be generally about. This sentence may introduce the title of the story, name of a character, and/or the setting.
2	Beginning of the story	Depending on the purpose of the paragraph, this may be the problem, the “ <b>before a change</b> ,” or a character trait.
3	Events (middle of story)	Provide evidence that supports the purpose (how to get from the beginning to the end - from the problem to the solution, from before the change to after the change, etc.)
4	Ending of the story	Depending on the purpose of the paragraph, this may be the solution, the “ <b>after a change</b> ,” etc.
5	Concluding Sentence	To tie back to the Introductory Sentence. To restate the message or purpose of the paragraph.

# Turning the Story Map into a Paragraph

**1** Introductory Sentence

**2** Beginning

**4** Ending

**3** Middle: The Supporting Details (the Events, the Proof)  
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**5** Concluding Sentence (tie back to Introductory Sentence)

**Purpose of Paragraph**  
Cause - Effect

**Title:** Foxy's Tale

**Characters?**

**Setting?**

BEFORE

AFTER

List the EVENTS on the back.

An example Introductory Sentence:

In the story, Foxy's Tale by Ed White, a dog in Alaska named Judy changes into a sled dog named Foxy.

An example Concluding Sentence:

As you can see, Foxy went from being the runt of her family to a champion sled dog. (suggested by a student)

**Purpose:** Cause – Effect

**Title:** Foxy's Tale

**Characters?**

Foxy–Judy  
Michael, Rosie, Kelly,  
Kelly's mom & dad

**Setting?**

Alaska, Dog Pen at  
Michael's house,  
Kelly's house, the lake,  
the track

BEFORE

In the beginning, nobody thought Judy would be a sled dog because she was small.

AFTER

At the end, Foxy became a world champion sled dog.

**List the EVENTS on the back.**

## EVENTS

1. Judy's first owner, Michael, gave Judy to a girl named Kelly.
2. Kelly's family changed Judy's name to Foxy.
3. Kelly took Foxy onto the frozen lake so she could practice pulling a sled.
4. Foxy had an accident and had to learn how to run again.
5. While Foxy was recovering, she had a dream about her mom that gave her confidence about being a sled dog.
6. Foxy, Kelly, and Kelly's dad practiced to be in a sled dog race.
7. Even though she lost the first race, she won many of the races after that including the Junior World Championship.

# Cause-Effect

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In the story Foxy's Tale by Ed White, a dog in Alaska named Judy changes into a sled dog named Foxy. In the beginning, nobody thought Judy would be a sled dog because she was small. First, Judy's owner Michel gave Judy to a girl named Kelly. Next Kelly's family changed Judy's name to Foxy. Then Kelly took Foxy onto the frozen lake so she could practice pulling a sled. After that, Foxy had an accident and had to learn how to run again. While Foxy was recovering she had a dream about her mom that gave her confidence about being a sled dog. Foxy, Kelly, and Kelly's dad practiced to be in a sled dog race. Even though she lost the first race she won many of the races after that including the Junior World Championship. In the end, Foxy became a world champion sled dog. As you can see, Foxy went from being the runt of her family to a champion sled dog.



*Thank You, Ed White*

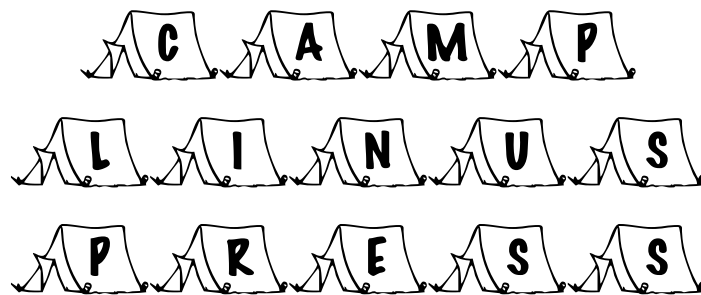


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for coming to  
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