

Student Exemplars
for
Cause – Effect
Paragraphs

Story:
Why Opossum's Tail is
Bare

Independent Practice

Each exemplar features a student's Story
Map followed by his/her written paragraph.

Purpose: Cause/Effect

Title: Why Opossum's Tail is Bare

Characters?

Opossum
Rabbit
Cricket
the gest

Setting?

Opossum's house
outside

Before

In the beginning, Opossum had a long, bushy tail.

After

At the end, Opossum has now a longbare tail.

List the EVENTS on the back.

- ① First, Opossum always braged about his tail.
- ② Next Rabbit couldn't stand Opossum bragging about his tail.
- ③ Then Rabbit tricked Opossum into getting his tail cut by Cricket.
- ④ After that, Cricket cut Opossum's hair and when Cricket was done he wrapped a riddon around Opossum's tail.
- ⑤ Last, when opossum took off the riddon around his tail and everyone laughed.

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5 Tail is Bare

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