

Purpose: Cause - Effect

Title: How Turtle Got His Long Neck

Characters?

Turtle
Birds
Squirrels
Bear Cub

Setting?

Tall Pine Tree
Soft mud by a pond

Before

Turtle has a short neck, is vain, and wants to eat pine seeds.

After

Turtle has a long neck, is ashamed, and doesn't want to eat pine seeds.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

1. Turtle finds out that the birds, squirrels, and a bear cub are eating pine cone seeds at the top of a tree.
2. Turtle wants some too because they say it's the best food in the world.
3. Turtle keeps trying to claw and scratch his way up the tree, but he keeps falling down.
4. Turtle's clawing causes the tree to ooze sticky pine sap, so he covers his feet with sap and climbs up the tree like a fly.
5. At the top of the tree, Turtle reaches for a pinecone but falls before he can grasp it.
6. He falls headfirst into some soft mud and can't get out.
7. Little Bear tries to pull Turtle out of the mud, but it causes Turtle's neck to stretch longer and longer until it pops free.

Notes:

- Turtle changes in 3 ways:
 1. short neck → long neck
 2. vain/arrogant → ashamed/humble
 3. wants to eat pine seeds → doesn't ever eat pine seeds
- The "Before" and "After" box can focus on only one of those changes, or they can list all three changes. If only one is mentioned, the "After" box needs to match the "Before" box.
- It is interesting that the turtle stays curious/nosy from beginning to end, but that doesn't have to be mentioned in the cause/effect paragraph. Curious/Nosy (as well as Determined) could be used in a Character Trait paragraph.

Story Map Writing: How Turtle Got His Long Neck
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In the story How Turtle Got His Long Neck, a turtle changes in many ways. In the beginning, Turtle has a short neck, is vain, and wants to eat pine seeds. Turtle finds out that the birds, squirrels, and a bear cub are eating pine cone seeds at the top of a tree. Turtle wants some too because they say it's the best food in the world. Next, Turtle keeps trying to claw and scratch his way up the tree, but he keeps falling down. His clawing causes the tree to ooze sticky pine sap, so he covers his feet with sap and climbs up the tree like a fly. At the top of the tree, he reaches for a pine cone but falls before he can grasp it. He falls headfirst into some soft mud and can't get out. Finally, the little bear tries to pull Turtle out of the mud, but it causes Turtle's neck to stretch longer and longer until it pops free of the mud. In the end, Turtle has a long neck, is so ashamed that he often hides his head, and never eats pine seeds. As you can see, Turtle is now very different from how he was before he tried to climb a tree.