

Purpose: Problem - Solution

Title: Aunt Eater Sees a Shadow

Characters?

Aunt Eater
Eliza
Alfred the butler
Guests

Setting?

A party at Eliza's
house

Problem

All the guests see a mysterious shadow and are afraid it's a jewel thief.

Solution

The shadow was Alfred the butler holding a tray with a cup on top of it.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Events

1. Everyone searches the house to look for a thief.
2. They search outside in bushes and in trashcans.
3. After all the guests go home, Aunt Eater looks at the shadow behind Alfred.

Notes:

- There are two parts to the problem. It is not enough to say there is a mysterious shadow because the reader needs to know why that's a problem. It's a problem because they are afraid it could be a jewel thief. This is a good opportunity to talk about compound sentences, or compound predicates. Write down two sentences (one for each part of the problem): **They see a mysterious shadow.** **They are afraid it's a jewel thief.** Then, show how these sentences could be combined into a compound sentence: **They see a mysterious shadow, and they are afraid it's a jewel thief.** Also show how they could be combined by making a compound predicate: They **see a mysterious shadow and are afraid it's a jewel thief.** However, "they" can't be the subject unless the Introductory Sentence explains who "they" are. Instead, use "All the guests" or "Everyone."
- Event #3 begins with a dependent clause that helps the transition from event #2 to event #3. Since it serves as a transition, the routine transition words (after that, finally) should not be used. The event doesn't need to have 2 transitions at the beginning of it.

Sample Introductory Sentence	Sample Concluding Sentence
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Story Map Writing: Aunt Eater Sees a Shadow
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In the story Aunt Eater Sees a Shadow, there is a mystery at Eliza's party. All the guests see a mysterious shadow and are afraid it's a jewel thief. First, everyone searches the house to look for a thief. Next, they search outside in bushes and trashcans. After all the guests go home, Aunt Eater looks at the shadow behind Alfred. The shadow was Alfred the butler holding a tray with a cup on top of it. As you can see, Aunt Eater solves the mystery of the strange shadow at Eliza's party.