

Cause and Effect Story

1. Read the following story and highlight causes in yellow and effects in green.
2. Write a one paragraph ending to the story and include at least one cause and effect relationship.

The Three Brothers

Mrs. Deliworthy decided that it was time her three sons to move to their own homes since they were in their thirties and well out of school. She called them together and informed them of her decision. The brothers were not happy about moving out but enthusiastically made plans for their futures.

The oldest brother, a doctor making lots of money, decided to build his home in a gated community close to the hospital. The middle brother, a car salesman, decided to use his discount to purchase an expensive motor home. The youngest brother, a juggler, decided to join the circus and live in a tent.

The three brothers loved their new homes and each invited his mom to dinner to show her how well he was doing. Being the youngest, the juggler was allowed to go first. He rode a circus elephant to pick up his mom. She rode in grand style back to his tent and was served a delicious dinner by the circus acrobats. However, Babu, the head trapeze artist, got a little carried away during a practice

Being the middle brother, the car salesman was next in line to show his mother how successful he had become. He arranged to pick her up in his motor home. She was delighted to find that he had set the table with fine linen and had prepared a roasted chicken. He seated her and told her to enjoy herself as he drove around the city to show her the sites. The drive was very relaxing because the car salesman was smart enough to install a tranquil CD and drive only on non crowded streets. Unfortunately, a squirrel ran in front of the motor home prompting the middle brother to stomp on the brakes. As he looked back at his mom, he saw her perform a U-turn. His mother ordered him to take her home, and she told him she would never again visit him in his motor home.

Since his other two brothers had failed to impress their mother, the oldest brother knew it was his turn to pick her up and bring her back to his three story home in the gated community. She felt like a movie star as she passed through the gate in her older limo in front of his elegant home. A meal was prepared for her on the balcony of the third floor. The poor lady was exhausted by the time she had climbed three flights of stairs but tried not to show her irritation with her oldest son. Unfortunately, a bird flew over about this time, and dropped a surprise into her coffee. The worm, feeling relieved and hot at the same time, was hurled by the shocked Mrs. Deliworthy across the table. She insisted that the limo driver carry her down the