

Dear Parents,

As with all these homework assignments, your child is supposed to read this story out loud to you. Because this is such an important aspect of these homework lessons, this letter focuses on a critical aspect of your child's reading and of your listening. While your child is reading, if you hear him or her make an error, do not rush to immediately point it out. Most of the time children themselves will hear an error and self-correct. If we correct children too quickly, they will learn to depend on us rather than learning to listen to themselves to insure that what they are reading makes sense.

The skill for this lesson is recognizing cause and effect.

Skill

Identifying Cause and Effect

We completed this assignment together.

(Child's Signature)

(Parent's Signature)

The Questions

Look carefully at what the little boy said. (The sentence is underlined in the story.) When we first read it, his sentence does not make sense. Later, it does. Write the answers to these questions to help you figure out why.

1. What was the cause of the man's problem? _____

2. What was the effect of moving the horse faster? _____

3. How did he try to solve the problem? _____

4. Why was the little boy's sentence true? _____