

Fantastic Mr Fox - Chain of Events - Worksheet 2 (because)

This whole story is a long-long chain of events. It means that one thing makes the next thing to happen. The first is the CAUSE, the next is the EFFECT.

There are two kinds of connectives (linking words) to link them together in a sentence:

In Worksheet 1, we have practised the first one: SO.

In Worksheet 2, we will practise the second one: BECAUSE.

You can link EFFECT and CAUSE with BECAUSE. (It answers the question: 'Why...?')

Question and answer: Why do the foxes steal food? Because they are hungry.

Together in the same sentence: The foxes steal food because they are hungry.

Attention! They are hungry BEFORE they steal, but you write it 'backwards'!

12. Many men wait around the foxes' hill.
13. The foxes cannot come out for many days.
14. The foxes run out of food.
15. The foxes dig long tunnels to the farms.
16. The foxes get a lot of food from the farms.
17. The foxes share their food with the animals.
18. The animals build a town underground.
19. The animals don't need to come out again.
20. The farmers just wait and wait.

Continue the sentences with because and add the event before (the cause).

Use 'they' in the second half, where the two sentences start with the same nouns (subject).

Use 'them' in the second half, where the two sentences end with the same nouns (object).

Example: The foxes get a lot of food from the farms because they dig long tunnels to them.

13+12: The foxes cannot come out for many days...

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14+13: The foxes run out of food...

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15+14: The foxes dig long tunnels to the farms...

... _____

19+18: The animals don't need to come out again...

... _____

20+19: The farmers just wait and wait...

... _____

Now try to read the whole list, pairing up the events with because.

13...because...12 ; 14...because...13 ; ...and so on...