

Because of an Acorn Build the Cause Chain

20 MINUTES

TARGET

Explain how one event or idea causes the next in a text.

STUDENT PRODUCT

Eight connected cause -> effect links plus one written explanation.

LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Open with the book's chain Put these first four cards on the table in book order: ACORN -> TREE -> BIRD -> SEED. Ask students to say what the repeated 'because of' move is doing between each one.
2. Students complete all eight printed arrows: ACORN -> TREE -> BIRD -> SEED -> FLOWER -> FRUIT -> CHIPMUNK -> SNAKE -> HAWK. The order must come from the book.
3. Explain one fixed link Everyone explains the same link first: Because of the acorn, the tree grows. Then students choose one later arrow and write their own because/so sentence.
4. Check against the ending Return to the later acorn reference. Ask whether the book has made a line or a cycle, and have students correct any arrow that skips a stated link.

ASSESSMENT · LOOK FOR

- Keeps the reviewed chain in book order.
- Explains a genuine cause/effect connection, not sequence alone.
- Uses the book's repeated structure to justify one link.

Standards-first rule: freeze the lesson after QA. Add a regional code only when the complete local expectation is actually satisfied.

TumbleTA · Student Evidence · Grade 2

Because of an Acorn

Build the Cause Chain

Name _____ Date _____

BOOK CHAIN

ACORN

->

TREE

TREE	->	BIRD
BIRD	->	SEED
SEED	->	FLOWER
FLOWER	->	FRUIT
FRUIT	->	CHIPMUNK
CHIPMUNK	->	SNAKE

SNAKE

->

HAWK

Explain one later link: Because _____, _____ happened.

This student page is part of the frozen standards-first lesson. Complete the evidence shown here; do not substitute a different task to fit a standard.