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| TumbleTA   REGIONAL STANDARDS EDITION Because of an Acorn - Build the Cause Chain |        |
| Massachusetts   Grade 2                                                           |        |
| TEACHES                                                                           | RI.2.3 |

## CURRENT FRAMEWORK

2017 Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy

## STANDARD

Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, mathematical ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.

## WHY THIS FROZEN LESSON EARNS TEACHES

Students build eight book-specific cause-to-effect links in sequence and explain one causal link.

## INTEGRITY RULE

The regional standard is additive. The two lesson pages that follow are the frozen V5 lesson and have not been rewritten to obtain this standards match.

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## 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.

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# Because of an Acorn

## Build the Cause Chain

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### BOOK CHAIN

#### ACORN

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#### 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.