

Waltur Puts the Cart Before the Horse

Sometimes one thing happens *because of* another thing. Read the beginning of each sentence below. Put an **X** next to why it happened.

1. Waltur is late for the fair because

_____ he spends time writing a speech.

_____ the horse is slow.

2. Waltur writes a speech because

_____ he wants to win a blueberry pie.

_____ he thinks he will win First Prize in Sweets.

3. The horse slows down because

_____ the hill is steep and Waltur is heavy.

_____ the summer fair is far away.

4. Waltur puts the cart before the horse because

_____ he wants to catch up with Matilda.

_____ he thinks it will help him get to the fair faster.

5. The judges give Waltur Grand Prize because

_____ they like his sounds and all the action.

_____ they love the taste of his honey cake.