

Ask What, Ask Why

You packed too much in your suitcase before traveling to Disney World with your family. What happened? Your suitcase burst! It's easy to figure out cause-and-effect relationships by asking two simple questions: "What happened?" (to find an effect) and "Why did this happen?" (to find a cause). Try it out to find the cause-and-effect relationships in "From Baghdad With Love."

Directions: Fill in what's missing from each cause-and-effect pair. Use the hints to help you.

1. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: Lt. Col. Jay Kopelman decided to make it his mission to save Lava from the violence of war.

HINT: How did Lava make Kopelman feel?

2. **CAUSE:** The military dog handlers at Camp Falluja refused to hide Lava while Kopelman was in Balad.

EFFECT: _____

HINT: What was the first thing Kopelman did after hearing that the dog handlers wouldn't help him?

3. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: A group of marines risked their lives, traveling 40 miles to bring Lava to temporary safety.

HINT: Who was the first person who offered to help Kopelman get Lava out of Iraq?

4. **CAUSE:** John Van Zante (of Helen Woodward Animal Center) shared Lava's story with everyone he knew.

EFFECT: _____

HINT: Who heard Van Zante's plea and devised a plan for Lava's rescue that finally worked?

5. **CAUSE:** Everyone worked together to help bring Lava to safety.

EFFECT: _____

6. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: Lava became a celebrity.

Now, on your own, find two cause-and-effect relationships from in article.

7. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: _____

8. **CAUSE:** _____

EFFECT: _____