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Finally, Simon arrived at school, and the teacher yelled at him for being late. “If I had arrived early, the teacher wouldn’t have yelled at me,” Simon thought sadly.

“Alright class,” said the teacher. “Put away your books. It’s time for the test.”

Simon panicked. “I didn’t know we had a test!” he said.

“I told you about the test yesterday,” said the teacher. “But you weren’t listening. If you had listened to me, then you would have known about the test.”

Simon took the test, but because he hadn’t studied, he didn’t know any of the questions. He didn’t get any questions right. “If I had studied, then I would have done better on the test,” Simon thought sadly.

In the afternoon, Simon tried to study at school, but he was so hungry that he couldn't study.

When he got home, his mother asked him, "How was school?"

"I couldn't study because I was so hungry," said Simon.

"Well, I'm not surprised," said his mother. "You didn't eat breakfast. If you had eaten breakfast, then you wouldn't have been hungry at school. And if you hadn't been hungry at school, then you would have been able to study."

"I know," said Simon. "This all started because I forgot to set my alarm last night. If I had remembered to set my alarm, then I wouldn't have overslept. If I hadn't overslept, then I wouldn't have forgotten to eat breakfast. If I hadn't forgotten to eat breakfast, then I wouldn't have been hungry at school. And if I hadn't been hungry at school, then I would have been able to study. So tonight, I will definitely remember to set my alarm before bed."

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