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The Patient Cat

The sentences below form a story, but they are all out of order. Read the sentences. Decide the best order for them and write the story on the lines provided. Use transition words to help organize your story.

in fact

at first

then

but

_____ Jethro was a tabby cat.

_____ When Toby went to school, for Jethro it was as if time stopped.

_____ Jethro would follow Toby to the bus stop, and sit beside Toby on the bench while Toby waited for the bus.

_____ But when Toby got on the bus, instead of turning around and going home, Jethro stayed put, right there on the bench, and waited for Toby to come back.

_____ He knew that this is where Toby had left him, and that this was where Toby would rejoin him.

_____ And every day at 3 p.m. Toby returned.

_____ Everyone in the neighborhood thought that Jethro was crazy.

_____ People in the neighborhood tried to get Jethro to go home.

_____ He was very affectionate, and very playful.

_____ He was also very patient.

_____ Jethro loved his boy, Toby, more than anything in the whole world.

_____ They tried to cheer him up with treats.

_____ Jethro refused to be distracted.

But Toby knew that Jethro was really just a steadfast friend.

ANSWERS

Jethro was a tabby cat. He was very affectionate, and very playful. He was also very patient. Jethro loved his boy, Toby, more than anything in the whole world. In fact, when Toby went to school, for Jethro it was as if time stopped. Jethro would follow Toby to the bus stop, and sit beside Toby on the bench while Toby waited for the bus. But when Toby got on the bus, instead of turning around and going home, Jethro stayed put, right there on the bench, and waited for Toby to come back. At first, people in the neighborhood tried to get Jethro to go home. Then they tried to cheer him up with treats. But Jethro refused to be distracted. He knew that this is where Toby had left him, and that this was where Toby would rejoin him. And every day at 3 p.m. Toby returned. Everyone in the neighborhood thought that Jethro was crazy. But Toby knew that Jethro was really just a steadfast friend.