

The car that wouldn't start

Identify the premises and the conclusion in this passage.

Early Saturday morning, Matt left his apartment and got into his car. Unfortunately, the car would not start, and so Matt called his father to get some advice about what to do. Matt's mother answered the phone and when Matt explained the problem to her, she yelled to her husband, "Matt's car won't start."

Matt's father figured that the battery was the problem because having a battery that is not functioning properly is a very common reason for cars not to start. Plus, he knew that the battery in Matt's car had not been replaced for a very long time. He yelled to his wife, "Tell him to turn on the lights. If they don't go on, then the problem is the battery." Matt's mother told this to Matt, and Matt turned the switch for the headlights. They didn't come on. After more shouting, this information was relayed to Matt's father who punched the air in satisfaction.