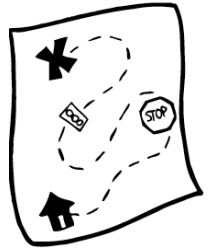


## Understanding Sequence

SIGNAL / TRANSITION WORDS FOR RECOGNIZING SEQUENCE	
first, second, third, etc.	at the beginning
finally	prior to
afterwards	shortly thereafter
while	subsequently
soon	next
simultaneously	at the same time
then	following that
when	later
now	soon
during	at (in) the end
the first/next/last thing	before
last	after

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## Part 1: Reading Comprehension- Sequencing



Sequencing is the process of putting ideas, events and objects in a logical order. The ability to sequence events is a key comprehension strategy, especially for narrative texts.

Sequencing requires the reader to recall and order key events and details. Knowing the sequence of events is critical in a reader's understanding of a text.

### *Tips to help at home!*

- ✓ **Photo Sequencing** - Scramble family photos of your child from birth to the present. Challenge them to create a timeline that details a significant event for each picture.
- ✓ **Which Way to Go?** - Get your child to walk a route to a familiar destination and draw a map with symbols to represent places on the way. Older children can sequence the directions in written steps.
- ✓ **Kitchen Steps** - Prepare a dish with your child. Then, have your child repeat, write and draw the recipe steps.
- ✓ **I Spy and Why** - Play "I Spy" together, but add a simple step. After "spying" the objects, ask your child to add uses for the objects.
- ✓ **Picture Sequencing** - Cut out several pictures from a magazine, comic or picture book (ensure pictures have an obvious sequence). Encourage your child to arrange them in the correct order and tell a story to match.

### **Focus Questions**

To help your child understand sequence while they are reading, ask him/her the following questions:

- What happened just before?
- What happened just after?
- What happened first, last etc?
- What is the first step in?