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## Reading Comprehension

### *Sequencing Notes and Strategies*

#### What is Sequence?

Most things you read are told in order. Directions for a video game explain the steps you must follow to play it well. A movie or television show tells about events in the order in which they happened. Many of the things you do each day are also done in a particular order.

#### How do you find Sequence?

You can find the order in a set of directions by thinking about the order in which things are done. Writers of directions or recipes present a set of steps that must be followed in order to make something. Read the recipe below.

#### **Ants on a Log**

Wash two celery sticks, and cut into pieces about 5 inches long. Spread peanut butter in the u-shaped part of the celery from one end to the other. Press raisins gently into the peanut butter. Enjoy your ants on a log!

Think about the order in which information is presented in the recipe. Let's find the **steps** for completing the recipe. Look at the boxes below and fill in the missing information.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Wash two celery sticks.	Cut the celery sticks into pieces about 5 inches long.	_____ _____	Press raisins gently into peanut butter.



**Remember: Sequence is the order in which things are done or events happen.**

- Look for clue words such as **first, next, then, last, finally, before, and after** to help you figure out the order in which things are done or events happen in a reading passage.
- Look for **clue words** that tell about **time, such as time of day, the day of the week, the month, the season, and the year.**
- When there are no **clue words**, think about the **order** in which things happen.

**Read the passage about a girl who lives on a farm. As you read, think about the clue words that tell you the order in which things happen. Then answer the questions.**

For over 100 years, the Hall family had been living on Strawberry Hill Farm. As Liddy Hall stood on the top of Strawberry Hill and looked out over the farm's fields and pastures, she felt as if she had been living on Strawberry Hill for at least 100 years herself. Simply thinking about the endless round of work that was life on the farm made Liddy weary. The cycle began in the spring, with sheep shearing and clearing fields. In the summer, crops were planted and wood was chopped. In the fall, there was the harvesting of crops. Then there was the drying and preserving of food for the winter. Next, during the long, cold winter months, there was the spinning, weaving, sewing, and knitting to do. There were candles to be made. The first warm days of March meant it was time to gather sap from maple trees and boil it down to make syrup and maple sugar. Then it was shearing time again. Liddy pushed her pencil and paper deep into her pocket and started down the hill. Perhaps after the pumpkins were gathered, there would finally be time for drawing.

What happened on Strawberry Hill Farm after the harvest?

1. Food is dried and preserved for the winter.
2. The fields are plowed and planted.
3. The sheep are sheared.
4. Wood is chopped.

Which clue word or phrase tells what happened during the winter months?

1. then
2. for over 100 years
3. next
4. finally

