

Sequencing

Things in a story happen in order. Here is how to keep track.

1**FIRST**

what happens at
the start

2**NEXT**

what happens
after that

3**THEN**

what happens
after that

4**LAST**

what happens at
the end

How to find the order

- 1 Look for order words.** They tell you when something happens.
- 2 Ask: What happened first?** Then ask what happened next.
- 3 Tell it back.** Say the story again in your own words, in order.

Order words

first

next

then

after that

last

at the end

Try it

First, Pam got a bowl. **Next**, she put in some oats. **Then** she added milk. **Last**, Pam ate her oats.

1

Pam got a bowl.

**2**

She put in oats.

**3**

She added milk.

**4**She ate her
oats.

Mix up the order and the story makes no sense. You cannot eat the oats before you get the bowl!