Bean Sprout Steps

A model story that uses time words to guide the reader.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.3c "Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every word or phrase that tells when an event happens. These clues help you trace the events in order.

Maya's Bean Jar

1. On Monday morning, Maya brought a clear jar, a paper towel, and three bean seeds to class. First, she wet the towel and pressed it against the inside of the jar. Next, she tucked the seeds between the towel and the glass. Then Maya placed the jar on a sunny shelf, where she could watch the seeds each day.

2. The next morning, Maya saw that the towel was still damp. After that, she added a few drops of water because seeds need moisture to begin growing. Two days later, a tiny white root pushed out of each seed. Soon, the roots grew longer and curled down toward the bottom of the jar by Friday.

3. Finally, green shoots rose above the seeds. Maya measured the tallest shoot with a ruler and wrote its height in her notebook. At the end of the week, she drew what she saw in the jar. Later, Maya took the bean plant home and moved it into a pot with soil, where it could keep growing.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the three sequence words in the first paragraph that tell the order of Maya's actions.

2. Which temporal word tells that Maya placed the jar on the shelf after she tucked in the seeds?

3. What happened two days after Maya added drops of water?

4. What phrase tells when Maya drew what she saw in the jar?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about getting ready for recess. Tell three events in order and use First, Next, and Finally.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle every word or phrase that tells when an event happens. These clues help you trace the events in order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the three sequence words in the first paragraph that tell the order of Maya's actions.	**First, Next, Then.**
2	Which temporal word tells that Maya placed the jar on the shelf after she tucked in the seeds?	**Then.**
3	What happened two days after Maya added drops of water?	**A tiny white root pushed out of each seed.**
4	What phrase tells when Maya drew what she saw in the jar?	**At the end of the week.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I closed my reading book and put it in my desk. Next, I lined up with my class at the door. Finally, I walked outside for recess.

Accept all circled temporal words and phrases, including On Monday morning, First, Next, Then, The next morning, After that, Two days later, Soon, Finally, At the end of the week, and Later. For Part 3, accept any three ordered events that use First, Next, and Finally correctly.