

Garden Day Order

Notice how a narrator introduces a situation and unfolds events in order.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.3a "Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells when and where the story begins. Circle the names of the people, then write 1, 2, 3, and 4 beside four main events in the order they happen.

The Leaky Hose

- ① On Saturday morning, I met my neighbor Leo at the community garden behind our library. Ms. Chen, the garden leader, handed us small watering cans and pointed to the dry bean plants. The sun was already warm, and bees buzzed around the purple flowers. Leo and I had promised to water the plants before the library opened.
- ② First, we filled our cans at the rain barrel. Then Leo noticed that water was leaking from a loose hose beside the barrel. I held the hose still while he called Ms. Chen. She showed us how to twist the metal connector until it was snug. When the leak stopped, we carried the full cans carefully down the narrow path.
- ③ Next, we poured water slowly at the base of each bean plant, so the soil drank it in instead of washing away. Ms. Chen checked the hose one more time, and we returned the cans. Just as the library doors opened, she thanked us for solving the problem together. Leo grinned at me. Our hands were muddy, but the garden looked ready for the day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Where and when does the story begin, and what are the narrator and Leo planning to do?

2 Who is the narrator, and which other characters are introduced?

3 What happens after Leo notices the leaking hose and before the children carry the cans down the path?

4 Which events in the last paragraph show that the garden job is finished?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-paragraph narrative of 90 to 120 words about helping with a task. In the first paragraph, tell when and where the story happens and introduce the narrator and another character. Use at least three sequence words to organize the events from beginning to end.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells when and where the story begins. Circle the names of the people, then write 1, 2, 3, and 4 beside four main events in the order they happen. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where and when does the story begin, and what are the narrator and Leo planning to do?	It begins on Saturday morning at the community garden behind the library. The narrator and Leo plan to water the bean plants before the library opens.
2	Who is the narrator, and which other characters are introduced?	The narrator is an unnamed person who tells the story using "I." The other characters are Leo and Ms. Chen.
3	What happens after Leo notices the leaking hose and before the children carry the cans down the path?	The narrator holds the hose, Leo calls Ms. Chen, and Ms. Chen shows them how to tighten the connector until the leak stops.
4	Which events in the last paragraph show that the garden job is finished?	They water the bean plants, Ms. Chen checks the hose, they return the cans, and Ms. Chen thanks them as the library opens.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Thursday afternoon, I stayed after school with my friend Amara to hang paintings for the art show. Our teacher, Mr. Ortiz, gave us clips and a map of the hallway. Families would arrive in one hour. First, we matched each painting to the number on the map. Next, a clip slipped from my hand and slid under a bench. Amara held the stack of paintings while I reached for it. Then we checked every picture to make sure it was straight. Finally, Mr. Ortiz turned on the hallway lights. The bright walls made the paintings stand out, and the first families entered. Amara and I stepped back, smiling because our work was ready.

Accept equivalent wording that identifies the setting, the unnamed first-person narrator, the named characters, and the event order. For the writing task, look for three paragraphs, a clear situation, introduced characters, and events that move naturally from beginning to end.