

Seed Packet Rescue

Notice how a narrative uses order, dialogue, and an ending.

ELA.2.C.1 "Communicating Through Writing"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the time-order words, circle the dialogue, and box the final sentence. These writing choices help readers follow the events and know how the story ends.

Mia Saves the Seeds

- ① On Saturday, Mia carried a box of seed packets to the garden club. At the gate, wind lifted one packet into a puddle. "Oh no," Mia said. She wanted to save the wet seeds before they spilled.
- ② First, Mia set the box under a bench. Next, she used a leaf to scoop the packet from the water. Her friend Leo held it flat in the sun. Soon, the paper began to dry.
- ③ At last, Mia placed the packet in a zip bag. "We saved it!" Leo cheered. Mia smiled as they walked to the club table. The seeds would be planted another day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How do the words First, Next, Soon, and At last help organize the story?

2 What do Leo's words, "We saved it!" add to the story?

3 Which final sentence gives the story an ending, and what does it tell?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-paragraph story about fixing a small problem. Use at least three time-order words, include one line of dialogue in quotation marks, and end by telling what happened.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the time-order words, circle the dialogue, and box the final sentence. These writing choices help readers follow the events and know how the story ends. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the words First, Next, Soon, and At last help organize the story?	They show the order of events, from Mia's first action to her final action.
2	What do Leo's words, "We saved it!" add to the story?	They show that the packet was saved and let Leo speak in the story.
3	Which final sentence gives the story an ending, and what does it tell?	"The seeds would be planted another day." It tells what will happen after Mia saves the packet.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Tuesday, I brought my paper airplane to the playground. A gust bent one wing. "My plane will not fly," I said. First, I smoothed the wing against the slide. Next, Jay helped me fold a sharp new edge. Then we tested it near the fence. At last, my plane sailed over the grass. I caught it and thanked Jay. We were ready for the next flight.

Accept time-order words such as First, Next, Soon, and At last. For Your Turn, accept any original three-paragraph narrative with clear event order, at least three time-order words, dialogue in quotation marks, and an ending.