

# Time Order Detectives

Students listen for event order and mark first, next, and last.

**SS.1.A.3** "Chronological Thinking"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 CIRCLE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| a | first | next  | last  |
| b | next  | first | last  |
| c | last  | next  | first |

## 2 NUMBER ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| bell  |  |
| lunch |  |
| home  |  |

**HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE**

Read each prompt aloud, then pause so students can make one clear mark. Students show chronological thinking by identifying first, next, and last, then numbering events in order.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

**PART 1 • CIRCLE ORDER**

**SAY** "I will read three things that happen. In each row, listen for the order, then circle the word that answers the question."

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                               | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a   | Listen: I wash my hands, I eat lunch, and I throw away trash. Which word tells what happens first?                                | <b>first</b>    |
| b   | Listen: I open my book, I read a page, and I close my book. Which word tells what happens last?                                   | <b>last</b>     |
| c   | Listen: I put a seed in soil, a plant grows, and I see a flower. Which word tells what happens next after I put the seed in soil? | <b>next</b>     |

**PART 2 • NUMBER ORDER**

**SAY** "Listen closely: Before lunch, you hear a bell. After lunch, you go home. Can you write 1 in the box for what happens first, 2 for what happens next, and 3 for what happens last?"

- Box 1 (beside bell): **1**
- Box 2 (beside lunch): **2**
- Box 3 (beside home): **3**

**WHAT TO ACCEPT**

Circle first, last, and next in the three Circle Order rows. In Number Order, accept 1 for bell, 2 for lunch, and 3 for home.