Seed Steps

See how an informational how-to text puts steps in order.

2.P.AC.3.c "Apply knowledge of how mode and genre impact how ideas and information are structured and arranged in texts. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that show the order of time, such as words that tell what happens first or later, so you can see how this how-to text is arranged.

How to Sprout a Bean

1. Planting a bean seed lets you watch a plant begin. First, soak a dry bean overnight. Next, place it beside a damp paper towel in a clear cup. The wet towel gives the seed the water it needs.
2. Then, set the cup near a window, but not in hot sun. Check the towel each day and add water if it feels dry. In a few days, a tiny root may push out of the seed.
3. After that, a curved stem grows upward. Soon, small leaves open, and the plant can make food using sunlight. Last, move the young plant into soil so its roots have more room to grow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What genre is this text? How do you know?

2. Put these actions in passage order: move the plant into soil, soak the bean, set the cup near a window.

3. Why does the writer use words such as First, Then, and Last?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three directions for packing a lunch. Begin your sentences with First, Next, and Last, and put the actions in time order.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.P.AC.3.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words that show the order of time, such as words that tell what happens first or later, so you can see how this how-to text is arranged. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What genre is this text? How do you know?	**It is an informational how-to text because it gives steps for sprouting a bean.**
2	Put these actions in passage order: move the plant into soil, soak the bean, set the cup near a window.	**Soak the bean, set the cup near a window, move the plant into soil.**
3	Why does the writer use words such as First, Then, and Last?	**They show the order of the steps so the reader knows what to do.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, put a sandwich in a lunch box. Next, add a piece of fruit and a napkin. Last, close the lunch box and place it in your backpack.

Accept answers that identify the passage as an informational how-to text and explain that time-order words organize its steps. For Part 3, accept any three sensible lunch-packing directions that use First, Next, and Last in a logical order.