Nest Steps

Notice how time-order words organize a process.

2.T.SS.1 "Organization: Identify and use organizational structures to craft meaning."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word that tells when an event happens. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside the paragraphs to show the order of the process.

How a Robin Builds a Nest

1. First, a robin looks for a safe place to build a nest. It may choose a tree branch, a porch light, or a window ledge. The bird gathers dry grass, small twigs, and soft leaves.

2. Next, the robin carries the materials to its chosen spot. It weaves grass and twigs into a bowl shape. Then, it presses mud inside the nest, making the walls strong and smooth.

3. Finally, the mother robin lays eggs in the finished nest. She sits on the eggs to keep them warm. After about two weeks, the eggs hatch, and hungry chicks fill the nest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1 How is the passage organized?

2 What does the robin do right after it gathers materials?

3 Why does paragraph 2 come before paragraph 3?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences that explain how to do something. Use First, Next, and Finally to put your steps in order.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word that tells when an event happens. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside the paragraphs to show the order of the process. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is the passage organized?	**It is organized in time order, from finding a place for a nest to eggs hatching.**
2	What does the robin do right after it gathers materials?	**It carries the materials to its chosen spot.**
3	Why does paragraph 2 come before paragraph 3?	**Paragraph 2 explains how the nest is built before paragraph 3 explains the eggs and chicks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I put soil in a small pot. Next, I press a bean seed into the soil and add water. Finally, I place the pot by a sunny window.

Accept answers that identify the passage as time order or sequence. For the writing task, accept three logical steps that use First, Next, and Finally.