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Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which events take place, from first to last.
- Clue words such as *first*, *next*, and *then* may show sequence in a story or article, but not always. Other clues are dates and times of day.
- Sometimes two events happen at the same time. Clue words that show this are *meanwhile* and *in that same year*.

Directions Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

I watched Judge Roberts walk up and down the rows of projects at the school science fair. First, he looked at all the fourth grade projects, inspecting them for about five minutes each. Then, he studied all the fifth grade projects, including mine. When he finished, he went over and whispered in our science teacher’s ear. As

Judge Roberts walked back toward the projects, my hands started to sweat. Then he pulled two blue ribbons from his coat. He hung the fourth grade ribbon on Jeanne Peacock’s project. Then he hung the fifth grade ribbon on my project. I was so excited I almost hugged him.

1. What was the first thing that Judge Roberts did?

2. If there were six fourth grade projects, about how long did Judge Roberts spend inspecting those projects?

3. Whose project got the first blue ribbon?

4. In the story, what two events happen at the same time? What word tells you this?

5. What clue words do you recognize in the story that helped explain the sequence of events?



Home Activity Your child has read a fictional passage and studied the sequence in which the events occurred. Ask your child to explain his or her morning routine in sequence using clue words to help put things in the proper order.