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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 following passage. Then write the order of events in the chart and answer the question.

The Space Elevator will be a revolution in space travel! Once it is built, space travel will be clean, safe, and affordable to everyone. No fuel will be used, so there will be no pollution from emissions. The space elevator will also be safe because, instead of launching and landing, it will work like a ski lift. Preparations will begin soon. First, scientists will build one huge pulley on the ground and another

one up in space. Next, cables that run between the pulleys will be attached to cars as big as buses. Then, Earth's gravity and rotation will turn the pulleys around and around sending the cars into space. Finally, the Space Elevator will be ready to take people into space. While the Space Elevator is being built, Motion, Inc. will be making reservations for future space tourists.

1. First	
2. Next	
3. Then	
4. Finally	

5. What will be happening at the same time that the Space Elevator is being built? What clue word shows you this?



Home Activity Your child used a graphic organizer to identify sequence in a short passage. Have your child use the sequence words *first*, *next*, *then*, and *last* to write a short paragraph describing how to do an activity that he or she enjoys. Discuss the sequence of events he or she wrote about.