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Sequence

- Events in a story occur in a certain order, or **sequence**. The sequences of events can be important to understanding a story.

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

After school, Kelly went over to Mrs. Jacobson's house to help her cook. Mrs. Jacobson was taking a pot of boiled potatoes off the stove when Kelly got there. "Ready to make potato salad surprise?" she asked.

First Mrs. Jacobson had Kelly peel the potatoes and put them in a large bowl. Then Mrs. Jacobson cut up celery, onions, and hard boiled eggs and mixed them with the potatoes.

Kelly added the mayonnaise and yellow mustard next. Now came time for the surprise. Mrs. Jacobson took a small bottle from the refrigerator. Kelly could not tell what it was. Mrs. Jacobson added a tiny bit of the secret ingredient to the mix. Kelly breathed in a tangy smell from the bowl. "What is the surprise?" she asked. Mrs. Jacobson said, "Horseradish. It gives it quite a kick!"

1. What is the first event in the passage? How do you know?

Kelly went to Mrs. Jacobson's house; The rest of the passage tells about making the salad together.

2. What is the last event in the passage?

Kelly finds out the surprise is horseradish.

3. What clue words help you know the order of the events?

after, when, first, then, next, now

4. What ingredients does Kelly add after Mrs. Jacobson puts the celery, onions, and hard boiled eggs into the potatoes?

Kelly adds mayonnaise and yellow mustard.

5. Write a summary of the passage in one sentence.

Possible answer: Kelly learns how to make potato salad.



Home Activity Your child identified the sequence of events in a short passage. Talk with your child about an activity, such as making a meal, in which the sequence of the steps is important to its success. Have your child write down the steps in the activity in the correct sequence.