

Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which things happen.
- Dates, times, and clue words such as *first*, *then*, *next*, and *last* can help you understand the order of events.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram.

One rainy afternoon, Grandmother told me about the many places she had lived in her lifetime. The first place she lived was Austria, where she was born in 1920. But by 1925, her family had moved to Paris, France, and then later to a small village in Belgium. After her eighteenth

birthday, Grandmother came to New York City by herself. She hated the cold winters and knew the big city was not for her. Finally, Grandmother packed her bags and moved for the last time to a farm in North Carolina, where she has lived ever since.

First Event

1. Grandmother was born in Austria in 1920.



Second Event

2. Grandmother had moved to France and Belgium by 1925.



Third Event

3. Grandmother came to New York City.



Fourth Event

4. Grandmother moved to a farm in North Carolina.

5. What clue words in the passage helped you to figure out the sequence of events?

first, in 1920, by 1925, then later, after, finally



Home Activity Your child used a graphic organizer to identify the sequence of events in a passage. With your child, draw a picture or write a summary of each of the main scenes in a favorite story on note cards. Arrange the note cards in the order in which the events occurred in the story.