

Sequence

Sequence is the order in which things happen in a story. Transition words such as *before*, *after*, *then*, *next*, and *finally* can tell you when something happens. Dates and times can also help you understand the order of events.

Transition word: He returned to Japan *after* exploring the United States.

Date: On *Monday* we were in San Francisco. On *Wednesday* we flew to Los Angeles.

Directions Read the summary of events from *Grandfather's Journey*. The events in the column below are out of order. Put the events in the correct sequence by numbering them in the order that they actually occurred. Write the numbers on the lines.

Grandfather left Japan as a young man and went to the United States. Before returning home, he traveled throughout America. Later, he got married and settled in San Francisco, where he had a daughter. After many years, he took his family back to Japan.

In 1941, the United States and Japan went to war. In 1945 the war was over, but Grandfather's home was destroyed. Finally, Grandfather returned to the village where he had been born.

1. 5 settles in San Francisco
2. 10 returns to village where he was born
3. 4 gets married
4. 3 returns to Japan as young man
5. 8 United States and Japan go to war
6. 1 leaves Japan as young man
7. 9 war ends
8. 2 travels throughout America
9. 6 has daughter
10. 7 takes family to Japan