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## Sequence • Summarize

- **Sequence** is the order in which things happen in a story—what happens first, next, and last.
- Sometimes a writer uses **clue words** such as *first*, *so*, *then*, and *at last*.
- Good readers **sum up** as they read and remember important events in the order they happened.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

**F**irst, Cisco raked leaves for Mrs. Rey. He put the leaves into four piles on the lawn.

Cisco could not put the leaves in plastic bags by himself. So Cisco asked his brother Rico to help.

Rico held the bags open, and then Cisco dumped leaves inside. When a bag was full, Cisco tied it at the top.

At last they were done, and Mrs. Rey gave Cisco twenty dollars. Cisco gave Rico five dollars for helping.

**Directions** Write these sentences in the correct place on the organizer.

- Cisco put leaves in a bag.
- Mrs. Rey paid Cisco \$20.
- Cisco asked Rico to help.
- Cisco raked the leaves.

1. **First**

**Cisco raked the leaves.**



2. **Next**

**Cisco asked Rico to help.**



3. **Then**

**Cisco put leaves in a bag.**



4. **Last**

**Mrs. Rey paid Cisco \$20.**

5. On another piece of paper, use the sentences to write a summary of the story.

**Cisco raked leaves. He asked Rico to help. Cisco put the leaves in a bag. Mrs. Rey paid Cisco \$20.**



**Home Activity** Your child put events from a story in the order they happened. Read a simple story to your child. Name events from the story by asking, “What are some things that happened in the story?” Then ask your child to retell the story putting the events in the order they happened.