

# Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which events happen in a story. Look for these **clue words**: *first, next, then, and last.*
- As you read, **visualize** the characters and what is happening to help keep track of the sequence of events.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

**F**irst, Ben took the money out of his piggy bank. He had three dollars and twenty-five cents. *Not enough money*, he thought.

Then, Inez raked leaves. She got one dollar. *We need more money*, she thought.

Next, Alex found three quarters in the sofa. *Now we have enough money*, he thought.

Finally, the children went to the store. They got a vase for their mother’s birthday. The vase cost five dollars.



**Directions** Write the money amounts from the story in the correct place on the time line. Then answer the question.

1. First, Ben has  
\$ **3** .25.

3. Next, Alex finds  
\_\_\_\_\_ **75** ¢.



2. Then, Inez gets  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **1** .00.

4. Finally, the children spend  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **5** .00.

5. What do you think will happen next?

**The family will probably have a birthday party. The children will give the present to their mother.**

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**Home Activity** Your child puts events from a story in the order they happened. Remind your child of an event you did together recently. It can be as simple as picking up toys or getting ready for bed. Ask your child to tell what you did first, then, next, and last.