

Sequence • Monitor and Fix Up

- The **sequence** of a story is the order in which events happen.
- **Clue words**, such as *first*, *next*, *then*, and *finally*, are often used to signal the sequence of events. Dates and times can also be clues. Sometimes, no clue words are used at all.
- If you are confused by the order of events, **read on** to see if the events become clearer.

Directions Read the following passage.

First my parents told me they were going to start looking for a new house for us to live in. Did I want to move? No way! I was perfectly happy in our old house. I had friends next door and friends across the street, and I liked my room. I didn't want to go to a different school.

Then my parents said they'd look for a house in the same neighborhood so I didn't have to change schools. At least that was something. So after looking and looking, they finally found a house they liked. But it was in a different town. I had to change schools after all.

Directions Number the following three events in the order in which they happened.

1. **3** My parents found a house.
2. **1** My parents said we were going to move.
3. **2** My parents looked for a house in our neighborhood.
4. What, if anything, might have changed if the child's parents had said they were moving out of town right from the beginning?

Possible response: Nothing probably would have changed, since they moved out of town anyway.

5. Was there anything that didn't make sense to you as you read? What did you do to help yourself understand?

I was confused about why the child might have to change schools. I kept reading to see if there was an answer. They were moving out of town.

