

Transitions to Show Order

When you write a plot summary, use **transitions to show order**. Transitions are words and phrases such as *one day*, *then*, and *the next week*. Transitions are important in a plot summary because they help readers understand when each event in the plot occurs.

Directions Write the word or phrase that shows order.

1. Jacob saw a bird's nest. Later, he looked at the nest through his binoculars.

Later

2. After a while, Jacob saw a big hawk swoop into the tree.

After a while

Directions Add one or more words or phrases that show order to each pair of sentences. Write the sentences. Use one of the phrases in the box or your own word or phrase.

during the day on Saturday at night on Sunday

Possible Answers:

3. Molly went birdwatching in the woods. She went birdwatching at the pond.

On Saturday, Molly went birdwatching in the woods. On Sunday, she went birdwatching at the pond.

4. The owl slept on the tree stump. The owl hunted for food.

During the day, the owl slept on the tree stump. At night, the owl hunted for food.