

Put Reasons in Order

When you use reasons to persuade readers or to explain your opinion, **put the reasons in order**. You might begin with your least important reason and end with your most important reason. You can signal your most important reason with a phrase such as *best of all* or *most important*.

Directions Read the first sentence of each paragraph and the reasons that support it. Put the number 1, 2, or 3 by each reason to show the best order for it in the paragraph.

1. You should eat green vegetables as often as possible.

 3 Most importantly, green vegetables have many vitamins that will make you healthy.

 1 First of all, green vegetables look bright and colorful on the dinner table.

 2 In addition, there are many delicious recipes for green vegetables.

2. Try baking your own breads and rolls at home.

 1 Baking bread fills your home with wonderful aromas.

 3 Best of all, baked goods are delicious treats for your family and friends.

 2 Better yet, baking is fun and creative.

3. Making a meal for friends can be fun.

 2 You can make healthful foods for everyone's enjoyment.

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