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Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which things happen in a story—what happens first, next, and last.

Directions Read the following passage. Then list the sequence of events that leads to Sam and Nathan’s buying their video game.

My name is Sam, which is short for Samantha. I want to tell you about a time my friend Nathan and I outsmarted our own parents. We didn’t do anything wrong. We just proved that we were more creative than they thought we were.

Let me start from the beginning. Nathan and I wanted to buy a video game together. We had a great plan. We would take turns keeping the game at each other’s houses. The problem was that our parents did not want us to have the game. They thought it was too expensive and that we would fight over it. So they made us a deal. They said if we could save the money ourselves, then we could buy it.

I think my parents thought they were being tricky. They know I am not a good saver. Once when I wanted a dress they didn’t like, they made me save for it. The store stopped selling the dress by the time I had enough money to buy it. My parents were hoping the same thing would happen with the video game.

But Nathan and I knew we had to act quickly. Instead of saving money, we opened a lemonade stand. It was so hot that summer, people came to the stand by the dozens! Within two weeks we had enough money for the game. Now we play it all the time. And our parents have to admit we’re two pretty smart friends!

Possible responses given.

First, Sam and Nathan get a plan for sharing the game.

Next, they ask their parents to buy the game.

Next, their parents say they have to buy the game themselves.

Then, they open a lemonade stand.

Finally, they make enough money to buy the game themselves.