

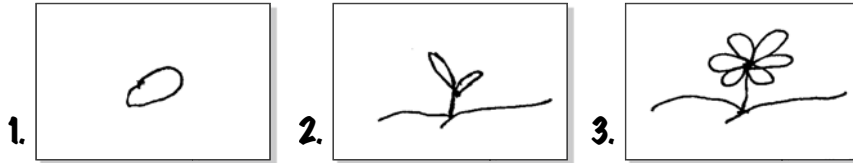
Sequence

Apply In:

- Leveled Book: *The Midnight Ride*
- Leveled Book: *Redcoats and Petticoats*

1 Reteach

Demonstrate sequence by displaying these steps:



Say: **First, I plant a seed. Second, a sprout grows. Third, a flower grows.** Sweep your hand over the pictures: **This is a sequence. Sequence is the order in which things happen.**

Display the cards out of order. As you rearrange the cards correctly, explain: **In a sequence, the order is important. The sprout cannot grow until you plant the seed.**

On the backs of the cards, write *First, I plant the seed.*; *Second, a sprout grows.*; and *Third, a flower grows.* Explain that *first*, *second*, and *third* tell time order. Use self-stick notes to replace *Second* and *Third* with *Next* and *Last*. Explain that these words tell time order, too.

Materials

- 3 drawings on index cards: a seed, a sprout, a flower
- self-stick notes

2 Practice with a Partner

Have partners draw a sequence of events on three cards. Students can take turns describing each sequence, using signal words.

- play with a friend: 1. call friend; 2. go to friend's house; 3. greet friend
- get a book: 1. go into library; 2. look for book; 3. check book out
- share a dream: 1. go to sleep; 2. have a dream; 3. tell someone the dream

Materials

- index cards, 3 per student

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3 Apply

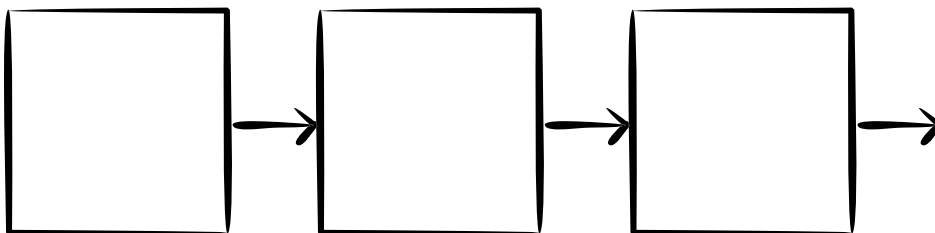
Distribute copies of the **Sequence Bookmark**. Explain that students should refer to the Bookmark as they read. Then form groups.

- ▶ **Beginning Readers** read silently or aloud with a partner.
- ▶ **More Fluent Readers** read silently.

After reading, bring groups together to identify the sequence of important events in the stories. Use the **Multi-Level Strategies** to support students at all proficiency levels.

| BEGINNING | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED |
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| Have students who read <i>The Midnight Ride</i> act out the key events in sequence. Students can “ride to Lexington” as you prompt what happens, such as: Paul leaves for Lexington at ten. | Point to pictures and elicit key events in <i>Redcoats and Petticoats</i> . Ask: What happens here? Encourage elaboration: Yes, Thomas rows by the Redcoats. What does he see? What does he do next? | Have students who read <i>Redcoats and Petticoats</i> retell the story using signal words. Then they can explain the importance of the sequence by telling why one event has to happen before another event. |

Record students’ ideas in a sequence chain like this:



After completing the chain, have students retell the important events in order.

CLOSE AND ASSESS

Ask students what is important in a sequence. (the order of events) Then have students name some signal words. (*first, then, next, last, etc.*)

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