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## Sequencing Steps of Tasks **0**

When you plan ahead to do something, you think about all the steps you must take to do the job well. You also think about the order or sequence of the steps to do the job.

- ➔ The steps to do each task are listed below, but the steps are out of order. Write numbers in the blanks to put the steps for each task in the right sequence.
- 1. Task: Order a Pizza by Phone
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Eat the pizza.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Call the pizzeria to order the pizza.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Pay the delivery person for the pizza.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Decide what kind of pizza to order.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Find out how much the pizza and delivery will cost.
- 2. Task: Go on a Field Trip
  - \_\_\_\_\_a. Get your permission slip signed.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Stay with your group or buddy during the trip.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Write a report about what the field trip was like.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Take your permission slip home.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Bring your permission slip to your teacher.
- 3. Task: Plan a Party
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Buy the food and drinks.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Get the food and drinks ready for guests.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Invite the guests.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ d. Decide the date and time for the party.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ e. Clean up after the party.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ f. Greet the guests.







## Sequencing by Time -

Choose the correct answer for these questions about time sequences.

- 1. What was a butterfly before it became a butterfly?
  - a. a worm
  - b. a caterpillar
  - c. a bumblebee
- 2. What was lemonade before it became lemonade?
  - a. water and sugar
  - b. lemons
  - c. both a and b
- 3. What was a child before it became a child?
  - a. an adult
  - b. a baby
  - c. an adolescent
- 4. What was peanut butter before it became peanut butter?
  - a. peanuts
  - b. butter
  - c. both a and b
- 5. What was a frog before it became a frog?
  - a. a tadpole
  - b. a cocoon
  - c. a fish egg
- 6. What were French fries before they became French fries?
  - a. potatoes
  - b. onions
  - c. potato chips
- 7. What was a bird before it became a bird?
  - a. an insect
  - b. a larva
  - c. an egg
- 8. What was paper before it became paper?
  - a. cloth
  - b. wood pulp
  - c. wax









# Sequencing Story Events **0**



Read this story. Then follow the directions below.

One morning long ago, Marta gathered fresh eggs and put them carefully into a basket. She walked to the market to sell the eggs. As she walked, she thought about what she would do with the money from the eggs.

"I'll buy a cow. Then I can sell the milk," Marta thought. "Next I'll buy a fine horse. I'll ride the horse to visit my friends."

Marta imagined how she would ride her fine horse. She pranced along the road and tripped on a rock. All of her eggs were broken.



Write numbers in the blanks to tell the sequence of Marta's plans.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Buy a cow.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Ride the horse to visit her friends.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Sell the eggs.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Buy a horse.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Sell the milk.

Write numbers in the blanks to tell the sequence of the story.

- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Marta carried the eggs to the market.
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Marta's eggs broke.
- 8. \_\_\_\_ Marta gathered eggs into a basket.
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Marta tripped on a rock.
- 10. Marta imagined what she would do with the money from selling the eggs.