

Comprehension Strategy: Text Structure (Chronological Order)

Complete the following items to practice the comprehension strategy for this unit.

Read each sentence pair. Put a check mark next to the sentence that is written in chronological order. Then underline the signal words that helped you to determine the correct sequence of events.

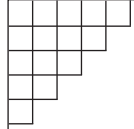
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Objective:**

- Identify chronological order as a form of text structure.

1. _____ A. Immediately after my luggage passed through the airport scanner, I walked to terminal three. Within an hour, I was boarding the plane to Australia.
- _____ B. I've never been on an airplane before. I hear that people take ships and planes to other countries. My sister says that airplanes are faster.
2. _____ A. The pilgrims began their journey to America in August with two ships, the Speedwell and the Mayflower. After they discovered how badly the Speedwell leaked, they had to go back to England. Finally, they sailed again on September 16, 1620 with the Mayflower as their only ship.
- _____ B. The ships we use now are a lot different from the ships that the pilgrims used to cross the Atlantic. Today, ships have radios and special navigating equipment, while the pioneers couldn't communicate with the people at home if they were at sea.

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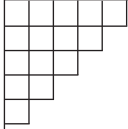


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3. _____ A. The Wright brothers are famous for achieving powered flight.
_____ B. Wilbur and Orville Wright studied the research on flying before they built their flying machine.
4. _____ A. Eleanor Roosevelt is the wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She is famous for her dedication to human rights. She served as chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
_____ B. At first, I thought I would never get to meet Eleanor Roosevelt. Then I read in the newspaper that she was coming to speak about human rights in my town. As soon as I found out the location, I made plans to go hear her speak.
5. _____ A. When Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Prize for Peace, he donated the prize money to the civil rights movement.
_____ B. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech is one of the most famous speeches in history.
6. _____ A. First, Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer, but later he became president.
_____ B. Abraham Lincoln was over six feet tall. Now it is more common for people to be that height.

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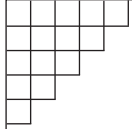
7. _____ A. Originally, I went west because I heard there was gold in California. When I got there, I never did find any of my own.
_____ B. I've heard of the California Gold Rush. It contributed to America's westward expansion.
8. _____ A. During harvest time, we had to pick the apples from the trees. First, we filled our baskets with apples. Then we sold some of the apples and used others to make jam.
_____ B. My least favorite job is peeling apples. I get tired of their smell and my fingers hurt.

Identify whether each section is written in chronological order or not. If it is in chronological order, explain what clues helped you recognize it. If it is not, put the sentences in chronological order.

1. The first time I saw Babe Ruth, I was sitting in the stands. Early in the game, he hit a home run past left field. Before the game ended, he hit another one.

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2. Basketball was invented in 1891. By 1897 it was already becoming a college sport.

3. The first man walked on the moon in 1969. We have been exploring space since 1900. In 1965 a satellite called the “Early Bird” went into space. Today, a space station has been created.

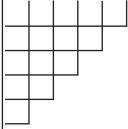
4. The Statue of Liberty was the first welcoming sight in this new country. Soon we would land, gather our belongings, and finally meet my cousins in New York.



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5. Basketball was a lot different when it first became a sport. The backboard was introduced in 1895. Basketball finally became a professional sport in 1946. The game didn't use a metal hoop until 1893.

6. During the fishing trip, I saw dolphins jumping out of the water. Eventually we even saw a whale splash the surface with its tail.
