



Sequencing Events in Writing

Today's Standard

3.W.3c - Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a personal narrative; Creating a timeline of historical events; Describing the steps in a science experiment; Explaining a process in a how-to guide; Retelling a story in order

Today I Learned

Today I learned how to use special words to show the order of events in my writing. These words help make my stories and explanations clear and easy to follow.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think any word can show the order of events, but only certain words like 'first', 'next', and 'finally' do that. Another mistake is thinking the order doesn't matter, but it does! The order helps the story make sense.

Quiz Me

- What word can you use to start a story?
- What word means something happens after another thing?
- Can you tell me a word that shows the end of a story?
- Why do we use words like 'first' and 'next'?
- Can you give me an example of a sentence using 'finally'?

Help Me

We use words like 'first', 'next', and 'finally' to show the order of events in our writing. This helps people understand what happened and when it happened. For example, if you're telling a story about your day, you might say, 'First, I woke up. Next, I had breakfast. Finally, I went to school.'