



Pre-reading

S When a question requires putting **events or topics** in the **correct order**, it is important to:

1. **identify the main events or topics** in the passage quickly
2. pay attention to any **time indicators mentioned**
3. be aware of **signpost words**
4. **study any given pictures** carefully
5. arrange the events or topics according to the **time they appear**

e.g.

Examples of signpost words

at first, firstly, to begin with, in the beginning

next, after that, then

also, in addition, besides

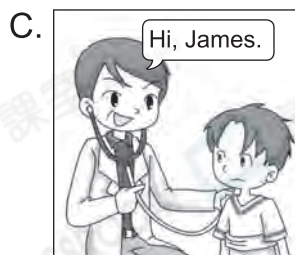
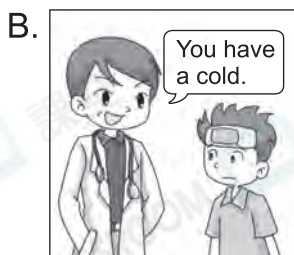
finally, in the end, at last

Warm Up

Read the text carefully and arrange the events in the correct order. Write **A, B, C** or **D** in each circle. (6 marks @ 2 marks)

1. Doctor Kan met four patients this morning. The first patient had a toothache. He could not eat anything. The next patient had a fever. After the diagnosis, he was found to have a cold. After that, a patient named Joe came to see Doctor Kan. However, a nurse suddenly came in and apologised to Joe. She told him that another patient called James should see Doctor Kan first.

Arrange the patients according to the time they saw Doctor Kan.



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Sometimes it is not necessary to read every sentence to find out the sequence of events.

2.

Peter had a tiring day, so he went to bed at ten. That night he had a nightmare. He dreamt that he was late for school. When he entered the classroom, the English test was over and the teacher was collecting the test papers. He apologised to his teacher. In the end, he woke up and realised it was just a dream.

Arrange the events according to the time they happened in the above story.

A.



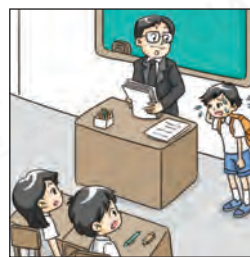
B.



C.



D.



3.

Ken and Steven went to buy a pair of new sneakers at a sportswear store. They were chatting while paying at the checkout. They didn't know that the cashier gave them the wrong shoes. When they were leaving, the security alarm rang and the cashier stopped them. After she realised that it was her mistake, she apologised to them and they left the shop angrily.

Arrange what Ken and Steven did at the sportswear store in the correct order.

A.



B.



C.



D.



Let's Practise

Sarah is reading a newspaper report about a car theft. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-5. (10 marks @ 2 marks)

Sun Post

Thief Caught Trapped in a Car

Selena Chiang

Tuesday, 8th September 20XX

A habitual thief locked himself in a car parked on Sunset Boulevard yesterday and then got caught red-handed while he was trying to steal it.

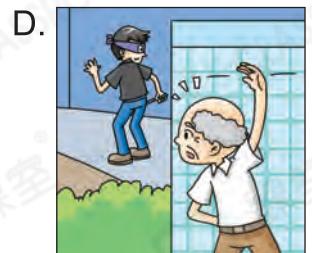
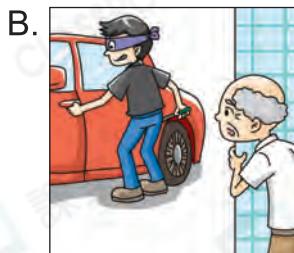
‘This morning, I woke up at five and did some exercise in the park as usual. Then I saw a man sneakily wandering the street. I thought he looked suspicious, so I followed him,’ said Mr Chan, a 67-year-old man living in Sunset Boulevard. ‘I followed him to the end of the street. He stopped and stared at an expensive car. I knew to whom the car belongs and I realised he was going to steal the car! I wanted to call 999 but I found that I had left my mobile phone at home! I rushed to a telephone booth nearby and called the police.’

On arrival, the police found that there was a man hiding in the expensive car. ‘The thief locked himself inside accidentally after he had broken into the car,’ said the police officer. ‘He has stolen five cars in total this year. We have finally arrested him and he will be kept at the police station until he is sent to jail.’

There have been twenty stolen-car reports in total this year. The police remind citizens to park their cars at a safe place and keep their car keys safe.

- Which is **TRUE** about the car theft?
 - The police locked the thief inside the car.
 - The thief had escaped before the police arrived.
 - It was not the first time the thief had stolen a car.
 - Mr Chan helped the thief steal the car.
- How many cars in total were reported stolen this year?
 - 1
 - 5
 - 10
 - 20
- Why did Mr Chan **NOT** call the police at once?
 - He is a friend of the thief.
 - He left his mobile phone at home.
 - He knew that the man actually owns the car.
 - The thief threatened to kill Mr Chan.
- Who reported the news for Sun Post?
 - Selena Chiang
 - Mr Chan
 - The car owner
 - The police

- S** 5. According to the newspaper report, arrange the events in the correct order. Write A, B, C or D in each circle.


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Circle the key features in each picture.