



## Reading Skill: Identifying the sequence of events

### Learn together!

Some questions test your ability to figure out the time order of the events. There are three steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Read the question and options carefully and locate the different related parts in the text.
- 2** Highlight all the relevant time, dates and words that tell the time relationship between events. Try to understand the correct order of the events.
- 3** Answer the question according to the correct time order.

### Learn more!

Some words can tell you the sequence of events.

e.g.	first	next	then	after that
	finally	lastly	before	after

### Give it a try!

e.g. Put what Kate had at Relax Café in the correct order.

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| (1) tomato smoothie | (2) cucumber salad    |
| (3) fried rice      | (4) eggplant omelette |
- A. (4) → (3) → (2) → (1)       B. (2) → (4) → (1) → (3)
- C. (4) → (2) → (1) → (3)       D. (2) → (4) → (3) → (1)

According to what Kate wrote in the e-mail, she 'had an eggplant omelette **after** finishing a bowl of cucumber salad'. The word 'after' shows that the first thing Kate had was the cucumber salad and the second was the eggplant omelette. Then Kate wrote, 'I took a sip of the drink **before** putting a spoonful of rice into my mouth'. The word 'before' shows that the third thing Kate had was the tomato smoothie and the fourth one was the fried rice. So option B is correct.