



Identifying the sequence of events



What is identifying the sequence of events?

- put events in chronological order, the order in which they happened over time

We should pay attention to ...

- dates and times
- the use of time markers to see when an event occurred and ended
- the use of adverbs of sequence and connectives, e.g. before, after, first, next and so on

Let's look closer!

The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) has hosted numerous international conferences and ceremonies, including the historic handover of Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China in 1997.

The HKCEC **opened** in 1988 with the world's largest glass curtain walls, offering stunning views of Victoria Harbour. **opened (v.) = started operating**

The HKCEC underwent two expansions. It doubled in size after the first expansion in 1997 and received public funding for the second expansion in 2009. **The first expansion was in 1997 while the second one was in 2009.**

'This year, the HKCEC has held over 400 events, with more than three million people attending them,' **says** an HKCEC spokesperson. **Pay attention to the tense of 'says'.**

DSE 2020 Part A Q18 Sequencing

e.g. Number the following events in chronological order. Write 1–4 on the lines provided.

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| (i) Over three million people took part in events at the HKCEC. | 4 |
| (ii) The HKCEC was built and open for public use. | 1 |
| (iii) The Hong Kong handover ceremony was held at the HKCEC. | 2 |
| (iv) The second expansion of the HKCEC was completed. | 3 |

Five years ago, **Berklee College of Music graduate** Teresa Lam returned to her hometown to pursue a career in music. The 27-year-old has released two albums and several new songs are in the pipeline. She speaks to Ivan Chan about her **latest** single, *Kiss the Sky*. **latest = the most recent**

You started out composing songs for other artists. When did you begin making music for yourself and why? **started out (phr. v.) = to begin your profession**

graduate (n.) = a person who has finished their education

Hans Cheung encouraged me to perform my own songs after I wrote one for him. He inspired me to express my own emotions and experiences through music, and singing my own songs has given me that opportunity.

DSE 2015 Part A Q3 Sequencing

e.g. Order the following events in Teresa's life. Number the events (1–4).

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| (i) Met Hans Cheung | 3 |
| (ii) Composed songs for other artists | 2 |
| (iii) Sang her own songs | 4 |
| (iv) Studied at Berklee College of Music | 1 |

Let's practise!

'Daddy, who's John?' Bella asked Wilson.

'John is my secondary school classmate. We studied together at Queen's College, but later he went abroad to study at the University of Cambridge. I also applied, but unfortunately, I didn't get an offer. I always wondered what happened, especially when I had better results than John. It's frustrating that I wasn't given the same opportunity like he was, and then—'

'And then you went to the National University of Singapore as an exchange student,' Rebecca said. 'And you met me, and we got married, and we had Bella, and here we are. I'd say things worked out just fine.'

DSE 2014 Part A Q14 Sequencing

1 Number the following events in chronological order. Write 1–4 on the lines provided.

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| (i) Wilson meets Rebecca. | _____ |
| (ii) Wilson is rejected by the University of Cambridge. | _____ |
| (iii) Wilson studies at Queen's College. | _____ |
| (iv) Wilson studies at the National University of Singapore. | _____ |

After completing her tertiary education, Josie trained to be a firefighter. At a ceremony where she won the Best Firefighter award, she gave a speech in memory of her colleague who had recently died during a rescue operation. She expressed her grief and how much she missed him. Josie had also written about him in her blog, hoping that more people would recognise his heroic deeds.

DSE 2014 Part B1 Q43 Sequencing

2 Number the events (1–4) in order. The event that happens first is number 1.

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| (i) Josie receives training as a firefighter. | _____ |
| (ii) Josie takes part in an award ceremony. | _____ |
| (iii) Josie's colleague passes away while working. | _____ |
| (iv) Josie writes a post in her blog about her colleague. | _____ |