Always write about events in order, to keep your story organized and flowing smoothly. **Time and sequence words and phrases** are helpful in ordering events.

**First Then Later Finally Meanwhile At Last**

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Most stories should have at least three events. Each event should have at least two details that describe it.

**Event:** My sister, Ann, grabbed another long dress from the rack.  
**Detail #1:** This was going to be the ninth dress she had tried on.  
**Detail #2:** It looked identical to two others she’s already tried.

Number the sentences in column **A** to put the events in order. Then, number the sentences in column **B** to put the events in order.

A

1. Then, I peddled quickly down the street.  
2. Yesterday, I decided to get some fresh air.  
3. I took my bicycle from the garage.  

B

1. Finally, I arrived at the park.  
2. I passed my friend’s house as I rode.  
3. Next, I stopped at the stoplight to cross the street.

Read the paragraph. Circle all the **time and sequence words and phrases**.

Yesterday, I decided to get some fresh air. It had been raining all morning and I was stuck inside with nothing to do. I took my bicycle from the garage. Its sleek colors and racing wheels seemed to be begging for a long ride. After I closed the garage door, I climbed aboard and peddled quickly down the street. Next, I passed my friend’s house. I hadn’t visited with Billy in a few days, but decided to continue on. By the time I stopped at the stoplight to cross the street, I could feel my heart pounding with excitement. I knew the swings would be empty and ready to soar in the air. Finally, I arrived at the park. To my surprise, Billy was already sitting aboard a swing. He had been waiting for my arrival.