

P3 Gifted English

Revising Critical Reading Skills

Sequencing Events

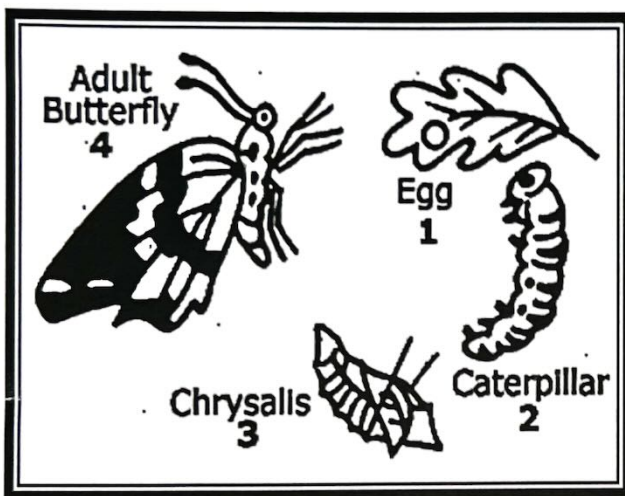
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Some important points to note

1. We have learnt that a text contains a main idea and its supporting detail.
2. Details are placed in a certain ~~sequence~~ order. The sequence is the order in which information is provided in the text.
3. Some examples of sequence is the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly and the days of the week, Tuesday comes after Monday.
4. Writers usually put things in order of time, place, event.

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 **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Helmut and Erika Simon were hiking in the snow-capped mountains when they chanced upon the body. Only the shoulders and back of the corpse could be seen. The rest of the body was trapped in the ice. After returning to the Similaun Mountain Lodge where they had spent the previous night, they informed the innkeeper of their discovery.

Since the body was found along the border between Austria and Italy, the innkeeper dutifully informed both the Italian and Austrian police. The Austrian authorities tried to retrieve the body the following day, a Friday. However, work came to a halt when the jackhammer used to free the body ran out of air. The body was finally recovered on Monday.

The medical examiners who conducted the autopsy realized that the corpse was not a recent victim of a hiking accident. He had been in the ice for a very long time and was actually a mummy. The next morning, Professor Konrad Spindler, an archaeologist, saw the strange body and the objects found beside it. He realized that the body was at least 4,000 years old.

When news of the spectacular find broke out, reporters from around the world were eager to interview everyone involved in the discovery. Helmut and Erika, who went to Italy after discovering the body, found reporters outside their home in Germany upon their return.

1. Helmut and Erika Simon informed the innkeeper of their discovery _____
 - 1) a few days after they saw the body
 - 2) while they were still in the snow-capped mountains
 - 3) when they first arrived at the Similaun Mountain Lodge
 - 4) on the second night of their stay in the Similaun Mountain Lodge (4)

2. From the second paragraph, we know that _____
 - 1) no work was done over the weekend
 - 2) the Austrian police were informed on Friday
 - 3) the Austrian police were informed before the Italian police
 - 4) the Austrian police tried retrieving the body on the day that they were notified of it (2)

3. Professor Konrad Spindler saw the strange body _____
 - 1) on a Tuesday
 - 2) while it was still trapped in the ice
 - 3) before the medical examiners did
 - 4) before the objects beside it were recovered (1)

4. News of the spectacular find broke out _____
 - 1) before Professor Spindler had seen it X
 - 2) after it was ascertained that the body was very old
 - 3) before the autopsy was conducted by the medical examiners
 - 4) when people realized that the corpse was a recent victim of a hiking accident (2)

5. Helmut and Erika arrived in Germany _____
 - 1) after their holiday in Italy
 - 2) immediately after discovering the body
 - 3) before their spectacular find was reported
 - 4) the day after leaving the Similaun Mountain Lodge (1)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Nikolai and the other two technicians were startled when the ground shook beneath their feet. A few seconds later, the tremor stopped and everyone assumed their positions in front of the blinking screens. Boris, Nikolai's colleague, stepped inside the control room to inform him that he had a visitor.

Nikolai followed him out of the brightly-lit control room. When he reached the end of the corridor, he heard a loud thunderclap. The ceiling above him cracked open and an awful smell filled the air. The heavy steel door of the control room opened with a loud bang and dust and smoke billowed from it. While Boris headed for the nearest exit, Nikolai's first thoughts were for his colleagues in the control room.

He hurried along the corridor, picking his way through piles of blazing rubble. When he reached the site of the explosion, his blood ran cold. He saw two figures on the ground. Ivan was motionless while Yuri was groaning in pain. He pushed away the cabinet that had fallen onto Ivan. Nikolai was relieved that he was breathing, although his face was deathly white. Yuri struggled to his feet, with Nikolai's help.

Nikolai, with Ivan on his back, walked along the dark corridor. Yuri limped a few steps behind them. Nikolai's eyes started to water, because of the noxious fumes in the corridor. With great difficulty, he climbed over a beam that was in the way. Then he saw light streaming through a window. Nikolai quickened his steps.

1. The tremor in the control room was felt _____.
 - 1) after the explosion
 - 2) after Boris had left with Nikolai
 - 3) when Nikolai was at the end of the corridor
 - 4) when Ivan and Yuri were in front of the blinking screens

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2. The awful smell filled the air _____.
 - 1) before the ceiling cracked open
 - 2) before the loud thunderclap was heard
 - 3) after the steel door open with a loud bang
 - 4) before smoke and dust billowed from the control room

~~(4)~~

3. Boris headed for the nearest exit _____.
 - 1) while Nikolai went to rescue the others
 - 2) immediately after leaving the control room
 - 3) before informing Nikolai that he had a visitor
 - 4) when he and Nikolai reached the end of the corridor

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4. The first thing that Nikolai did in the control room was to _____.
 - 1) help Yuri to stand up
 - 2) check to see if Yuri was breathing
 - 3) pick his way through the blazing rubble
 - 4) push away the cabinet that had fallen onto Ivan

~~(4)~~

5. Nikolai saw light streaming through the window _____.
 - 1) after climbing over the beam
 - 2) after he had quickened his steps
 - 3) before he was aware of the noxious fumes
 - 4) before he realized that Ivan was still breathing

~~(1)~~

