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Sequence

Read the story, then answer the questions about the "**sequence**" of the story.

Railroads Across America

It was 1862, and it was hard to get from east to West in America. Some people decided to build train tracks across the grasslands of America. One year later, workers began to build the tracks in the East. They laid tracks going toward the West. Two years later, workers in the West laid tracks going toward the East. Six years after the work started, the workers connected the tracks in Utah. Two trains came slowly down the tracks. One was from the East. One was from the West. East and West were joined at last!

1) When did people decide to build railroad tracks?

a) Before 1862
b) In 1862
c) After 1864

2) When did the workers in the East begin?

a) Before the workers in the West
b) In early times
c) In 1862

Apples

People have liked apples for many years. But the New World has not always had apple trees.
People carried the trees to America about four hundred years ago. At first people planted trees only in the East. Later, travelers carried them West. Now apples grow in most states. We use them in pies and jellies. But most of all, we just like to eat them raw.

3) What happened first?

a) People have liked apples for many years.
b) People planted apple trees only in the East.
c) We use them in pies and jellies.

4) What happened next?

a) Travelers carried apple trees West.
b) The New World has not always had apple trees.
c) Most of all, people just like to eat apples.

Fire

What should you do if there is a fire? First let people know about the fire. Yell the word *fire*. Pound on the walls with your hands. Then feel the door of your room. If the door is warm, don't open it. If it's cool, open it just enough to look out. If you see fire or much smoke, close the door fast. If you don't see fire or smoke, you can go out the door. Shut the door behind you. That will slow down the fire. Now find

a way out. Stay away from the smoke. The air is best near the floor. So, it may be safest to crawl when you leave the house. If you can't leave your room, close your door. Cover the crack under the door with clothing. Then open the window or break the glass with a chair. Crawl out the window carefully. If the window is high off the ground, don't jump! Wave a towel out the window, and yell for help. When you get out of the house, run to the place you and your family chose to meet.

5) What do you do first if there is a fire?

a) Break the windows
b) Let people know about the fire
c) Practice what to do in case of a fire

6) When do you open the door?

a) After you see flames and smoke
b) While you cover up the windows
c) After you feel the door to see if it is warm

7) What should you do when you get out?

a) Wave a towel
b) Meet everybody in a safe place
c) Open the windows

The Ghost Train

It was April 1865. President Lincoln was dead. He had been shot as he watched a play. A long train carried Lincoln's body to its last resting place. The train started in Washington, D.C. That is where Lincoln had lived while he was President. Black flags flew from the great engine. Many wheels rolled on the rails. Click-clack went the wheels. Click-clack! People waited by the tracks. They cried as they watched the train go by. The train finally stopped in Springfield, Illinois. That was to be Lincoln's last home. Lincoln died a long time ago. But to this day, some people wait by the train tracks in late April. The people say that on a certain dark night the air grows very still. Then, if there is a moon, a cloud covers it. A large, black engine comes out of the dark night. Black flags wave in the air. The train is as quiet as the wind. The cars and engine seem to float on the tracks. Old-timers say that the train is a ghost train. They say their watches stop while the train goes by.

8) When did President Lincoln die?

a) In May
b) In 1865
c) In 1975

9) Where did the train finally stop?

a) Springfield, Illinois
b) Washington, D.C.
c) The White House

10) When does the ghost engine come?

a) Before the air becomes very still
b) Before people's watches stop
c) Before clouds cover the moon