

B Complete the narrative paragraph. Use the time-order signals from the box. Capitalize and punctuate them correctly. Use each signal once. For some, there may be more than one possible answer.

after our trip to the salon
after that
at 9:00 A.M.
at the beginning of the party
finally

later
next
on the morning of my birthday
several hours before the party
then

Fifteen Years

A girl's 15th birthday—especially the *quinceañera* party—is a very special occasion in many Latin American countries.

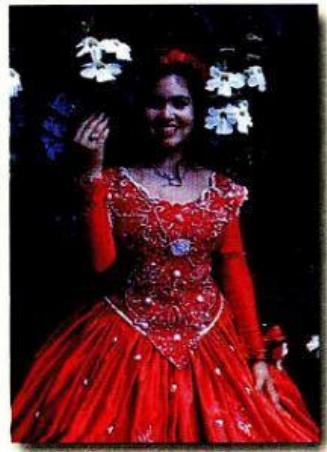
My *quinceañera* party was fantastic because of my parents.

On the morning of my birthday, ^{1.} my mother took care of the last-minute details. She made sure that the food, the music, and the flowers would be perfect. ^{2.}

she and I went to a beauty salon to have our hair and makeup done. ^{3.} we went back home, and

I put on the beautiful dress that my parents had bought for me. ^{4.} my mother gave me a large bouquet of flowers to carry that evening.

^{5.} I entered with my father, as the orchestra played special music. ^{6.} my father made a speech, and I received a lot of gifts. ^{7.} everyone had a drink, and my father and I performed a waltz. ^{8.} I had a fun with all of the girls at the party, and all of the guests stood in a line to congratulate me. I could see that my parents were very proud, so I felt like the most important person in the world. Although my father probably disagrees, the most exciting part of the *quinceañera* party was when all of the boys stood in a group and I threw my bouquet. The boy that caught the bouquet had to perform with me, and luckily it was Jaime, the most popular boy at school. ^{9.} everyone performed to different kinds of music until the next morning. ^{10.} the celebration ended. It was the best party in the world, thanks to my parents.



PRACTICE 5**Arranging Sentences in Time Order**

Read the groups of sentences. Number them to create a time-order narrative.

GROUP 1

- _____ She made a cup of coffee so that she could stay awake to do her homework.
- 2 She went to a movie with her friends.
- _____ She tried to clean the coffee up, but the liquid was everywhere.
- _____ She put the cup of coffee on her desk next to her computer.
- _____ Her laptop doesn't work because there's coffee in it.
- 1 Last night, Kanna created a huge problem for herself.
- _____ She knocked the cup over.
- _____ She came home late.

GROUP 2

- _____ Sarah called the credit card company to activate the card.
- _____ She waited for approximately one week for her card to arrive in the mail.
- _____ She submitted the application online.
- _____ Sarah wanted to get her first credit card.
- _____ She got an application on the credit card company website.
- _____ She filled out the application.
- _____ She did research to find the credit card that was best for her.
- _____ She signed her new card on the back as soon as she received it.

GROUP 3

- _____ He gave us a room with an ocean view.
- _____ The airline had sold too many tickets for our flight, so we got to sit in first class.
- _____ Our good fortune continued at the hotel.
- _____ We can't wait to visit Florida again.
- _____ He also gave us coupons for lots of free things.
- _____ The hotel manager apologized for not having our room ready when we arrived.
- _____ Our vacation in Florida last month was almost perfect.
- _____ The weather was beautiful, so we spent every afternoon at the hotel pool.
- _____ Our good fortune began at the airport before our departure.