

Reading Comprehension: Game Show Story

Order of Events

The **sequence of events**, or the order of the story, is the order in which events happen in the story. One event typically leads to another. Paying attention to the sequence of events in the story can help readers understand challenges and victories characters encounter in a story.

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.

The hot air whipped in my face as I got out of the taxi in front of Studio B. The sun was shining and I regretted wearing the sweater I had packed. The flight across the country to Los Angeles had been long and nerve-wracking, and I could not study a minute longer about American presidents or the names of states. The game show, "Will You Win?", was in 2 hours, and I felt ready. At least, I hoped I was ready.

"Alexis, don't forget your pocket factbook. Did you finish studying the water cycle on the plane?" Mom asked.

I groaned. "No, I forgot that one on the bus yesterday. But, I feel ready. I can do this!" I tried to talk myself into it. The funding for our after-school program hung in the balance. "I'll read a bit more when I get to the green room," I assured her.

We walked into Studio B. I'd never been to a studio before and couldn't help staring at everything in the room. I didn't even notice my pocket factbook fall to the ground until a friendly face stood in front of me, holding it out to me.

"Hi! I'm Angie. Are you here for the game show?" she asked

"Uh, yeah. Yes." I stammered.

"Great! Come check out their library of facts! I'm sure the books will prepare us even more for the contest," she said as she pivoted quickly on her heels and walked down the hall.

I nodded at her gratefully. "Do you think they have any information on the water cycle?" I asked as I hurried behind her.

1. How did Alexis get to Los Angeles?

2. Where did the taxi take Alexis and his mother?

3. How much longer until the game show starts?

4. Put these events in the order they occurred in the story. Number the events 1-8.

_____ Alexis met Angie.

_____ The heat made Alexis regret wearing his sweater.

_____ Mom asked Alexis if he'd studied on the plane.

_____ Alexis groaned.

_____ Alexis walked towards the library.

_____ The pocket factbook falls to the floor.

_____ Alexis and his mother arrived in Los Angeles.

_____ The taxi pulled in front of Studio B.