

# Summarizing and Order of Events

## Practice Summarizing

**What is a summary?** A summary is telling the most important ideas from the story, including important details that support the "big idea." A summary should not include your opinion, but should just tell the important facts of what the story is about. A summary should not be too detailed.

Think about the important things that happen in Part 2 of "My Vacation." Write a summary that tells what Part 2 is mostly about.

Make sure your summary:

- Has a beginning, middle, and end
- Tells big ideas and includes important details

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## Identify the Order of Events

**What is the order of events?** A story is usually told in a special order so it makes sense to the reader. The author might tell what happens first, second, third, and so on. Understanding the order of events is important to understanding the story. If an author tells a story about a girl who goes inside to dry off, but forgets to tell that it was raining first, you might be confused!

Think about the order of events in Part 2 of "My Vacation." Look at the events in the chart below and put a number next to each event to show the order in which each occurs. Put a "1" next to what happens first, a "2" next to what happens next, and so on. Be sure to look at the story to check your answers.

The narrator combs her hair.	
The narrator takes a shower.	
The narrator's family packs the car.	
The narrator buckles her seatbelt.	
The narrator smells pancakes and coffee.	
The narrator's mom tells her not to worry.	
The narrator worries there will not be room for her in the car.	
The narrator's dad checks the car to make sure everything is packed.	
The narrator does not tell her mom that she is uncomfortable because she does not want her mom to tell her to nap.	