

Summarizing with Sequence Words

A **summary** is a short retelling of the main events in a story.

Sequence words help us understand the order of events.

Sequence words are useful in writing summaries for fictional texts.

Common Sequence Words		
Beginning →	Middle →	End
First In the beginning At first	So Then After that Next	Finally In the end Last

Part 1. Directions: Identify and circle the sequence words in the summary about the fairy tale, *Little Red Riding Hood*.

- In the beginning, Little Red Riding Hood's mother asked her to take food to her sick grandmother.
- So, Little Red Riding Hood headed out through the woods with a basket of food.
- Then, she came across a wolf who asked her where she was going.
- After that, the wolf ran ahead to the grandmother's house and tricked Little Red Riding Hood into thinking that he was her grandmother. He ate up Little Red Riding Hood.
- Finally, a huntsman who heard all the noise coming from the house, ran there and saved Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother.

Part 2. Directions: Fill in the summary sentences with sequence words from the word bank above.

Story	Summary
<p>Santiago had always wanted to join the school soccer team. This year, he was old enough to join. The tryouts were on Friday. For a month before the tryouts, he practiced soccer in all the spare time he had. He ran a mile every day and practiced drills with his dad, sister, and friends. There wasn't a day he didn't think about soccer.</p> <p>When the day of the tryouts arrived, Santiago felt nervous and excited at the same time. He had eaten a few bites of his breakfast when his stomach started to hurt. He continued to have an upset stomach for the whole school day. After school, he rushed to the soccer tryouts with his stomach still in pain. To support him, his parents came to the tryouts too. They cheered him on and watched their son show the coach all the hard work he had put into practicing soccer. Even with his stomach ache, Santiago did a great job.</p> <p>On Monday, the new members of the soccer team were posted on the bulletin board. No one was surprised when they saw Santiago's name on the list. He had made the team. When the coach called his name, Santiago jumped with joy! He was thrilled.</p>	<p>Beginning</p> <p>_____ Santiago practiced really hard everyday to train for the soccer tryouts.</p>
	<p>Middle</p> <p>_____ on the day of the tryouts, Santiago had an upset stomach, but he still did his best with his parents watching and cheering him on. He did a fantastic job.</p>
	<p>End</p> <p>_____ he made the soccer team and was very happy.</p>