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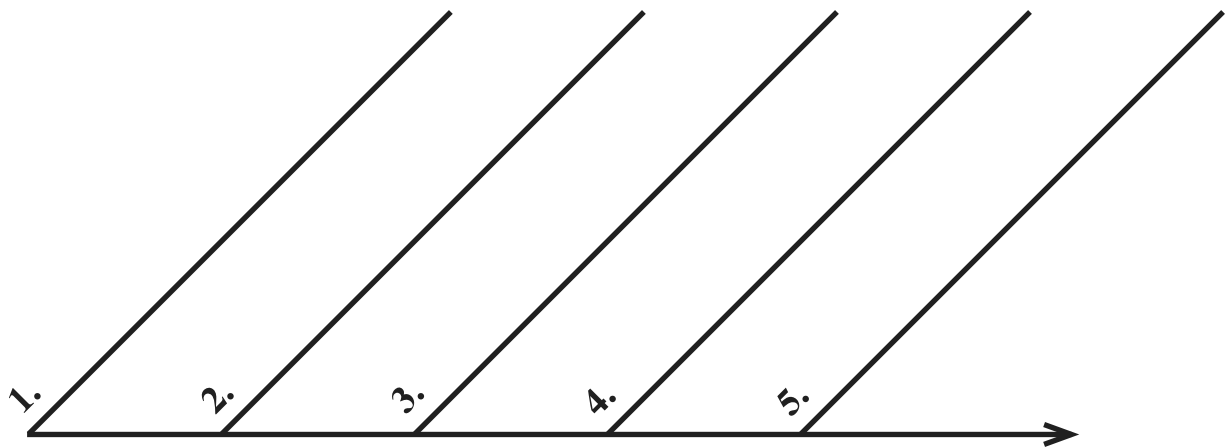
Sequence

- **Sequence** is the order in which events happen in a selection. When you read, think about what comes first, next, and last.
- Several events can occur at the same time. Words such as *meanwhile* and *during* give clues that two events are happening at the same time.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the time line below.

People get caught outside in thunderstorms all the time. But if you pay attention to the messages nature sends out, you have a better chance at staying dry. You just have to know the code. The first thing that happens before many thunderstorms is the air grows very still. The strange calm may last for over an hour. Later, you notice the leaves on some of the trees have turned upside down, and even though the branches aren't moving, the leaves start rustling. Meanwhile, not a cloud is in sight.

Then, birds all seem to begin flying swiftly home to their nests. Then, a long, steady wind comes out of nowhere. You look up and notice towering thunderheads, tall columns of storm clouds, gathering in the sky. They are moving faster than you imagined they could. All of a sudden the sky is dark. Sheets of pounding rain drench the earth. But you're safely inside, right? You know nature's secret code.



6. Where are the storm clouds when the leaves begin rustling?



Home Activity Your child identified the sequence of events in a short passage by completing a time line. With your child, come up with a time line for the family's weekend activities. Make note of the number of things that family members do at the same time other family members are busy doing something else.