

Vocabulary

Use the correct word from the list.

bashful canvas cemetery granite orphanage tornado

1. Funerals are often held in a _____ .
2. The sculptor carved his statue out of a block of solid _____.
3. The violent _____ tore through our neighborhood.
4. I packed my clothes for the trip in a _____ bag.
5. In the past, children who had no parents or guardians lived in an _____.
6. Tom is _____ in class and only speaks when called on by the teacher.



Story Comprehension

Answer these questions about “Grandma Essie’s Covered Wagon.”

1. Who is telling the story? _____
2. Where did Grandma Essie’s family first settle? _____
3. Why did her family have to sell their farm? _____

4. What work did the men of her family find in Oklahoma? _____

5. Why do you think Grandma Essie never moved away from the house she bought?

At Home: Have students write a paragraph about a move they or someone they know made.

Steps in a Process

A series of steps you follow in order are called **steps in a process**. Writing down these steps in the correct order will help you remember them.

Read the paragraph. Then rewrite the steps below the paragraph in the correct order.

It was moving day for our family. The movers arrived bright and early. They packed all our boxes into the moving van. Then they drove to our new house in another part of town. We drove there in our family car and were waiting when they arrived. The movers unloaded the van and put the boxes in the house. Next, all of us began unpacking the boxes and put everything in its proper place. It took us all day. At dinnertime, Dad took us all out for a meal at a nice restaurant. Then we came home and went to sleep for the first time in our new home!

The movers unloaded the van.
 We ate dinner in a restaurant.
 The movers arrived bright and early.
 The movers loaded the van.
 We went to sleep in our new home.
 We unpacked our things.
 We met the movers.
 The movers drove to our new house.



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In “Grandma Essie’s Covered Wagon,” the family sold strawberries as a business. The steps for growing and selling strawberries are written below, but they are out of order. Next to each step, write a number from 1 to 5 to show the correct order.

Process: Growing and Selling Strawberries

- Step** _____ Pick the strawberries off the runners.
- Step** _____ Write your name and address on the bottom of each quart box, and then box the strawberries.
- Step** _____ Put the strawberry plants in the ground.
- Step** _____ Put the boxes in crates to be shipped.
- Step** _____ Care for the strawberries so they will ripen.

Now write down five steps that you would use to make a fruit salad using strawberries, blueberries, and bananas.

Process: Making a Fruit Salad

- Step 1** _____
- Step 2** _____
- Step 3** _____
- Step 4** _____
- Step 5** _____

Sequence of Events

A **sequence of events** is the order in which things happen in a story. By understanding the sequence, you can better understand the story and its plot.

Number the events from “Grandma Essie’s Covered Wagon” to put them in the correct order.

- _____ The family grows and sells strawberries.
- _____ Opal, Essie’s sister, gives birth to her baby on Christmas day.
- _____ The family settles on a farm in western Kansas.
- _____ Stella gets sick and dies.
- _____ Grandma Essie’s family heads for Kansas in a covered wagon.
- _____ The family finally moves back to Missouri.
- _____ After the drought, Papa sells the farm and the family moves to Oklahoma.
- _____ A tornado almost destroys the family’s home.

Read the paragraph. Then write the four main events in sequence.

It was my eleventh birthday, and no one seemed to remember, not even my parents. I came home and walked in to the house. I noticed everything was dark. Suddenly I heard a roomful of voices cry out, “Happy birthday!” The lights flashed on and there stood my family and all my friends.

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