

Story Sequence



Discuss how every story has a sequence of events called a plot. It is the order of events as they appear to the reader. In this activity, students will identify the events in THE SOIL IN JACKIE'S GARDEN, and place in order from beginning to end.

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| 1. Soil | 9. Bees |
| 2. Worms | 10. Fruit |
| 3. Seeds | 11. Snack |
| 4. Water | 12. Scraps |
| 5. Roots | 13. Critters |
| 6. Stems | 14. Compost |
| 7. Leaves | 15. Soil |
| 8. Flowers | |

1. Color and label the worksheet.
2. Cut out the squares and place in order as they appear in the story.
3. Attach to a ribbon or piece of yarn.

CAUSE AND EFFECT: Often the events in a story are connected by cause and effect. Discuss which events in THE SOIL IN JACKIE'S GARDEN may be connected by cause and effect. (For example - water causes seeds to take root. The effect is the growth of roots.)

SEQUENCE WITHIN A SEQUENCE: Part of the story sequence includes the life cycle of a plant. Have your students identify - Seed, Roots, Stem, Leaves, Flowers, Fruit. Discuss how they are connected to the larger story sequence.

SOIL SEQUENCE - The soil has a sequence of events too. Over time, sediment and debris piles up creating layers or strata. The oldest layers are on the bottom, with newer layers on top. The study of these layers is called stratigraphy.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

[Candy Core Sampling](#) - Illinois Ag in the Classroom

[Growing Plants in Science and Literature](#) - Utah Ag in the Classroom

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