

READING: SEQUENCING

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Keisha's Science Journal

"Mom! Mom!" yelled Keisha, running into the living room. "Where is it?"

Keisha's mom put down her knitting. "Where is what, Keisha? Please calm down. I can't help you if you're yelling."

"I'm sorry, Mom," said Keisha. Keisha took a deep breath, then continued, "I can't find my science journal."

"Oh my!" said Keisha's mom.

Keisha treasured her journal. She wrote all of her scientific discoveries in this notebook. She described the hummingbirds in the backyard and took careful notes on all of the plants in the house. It was her most prized possession.

"Sit down," Keisha's mom said. "Think carefully. When did you last see it?"

Keisha thought hard. "I wrote in it yesterday. After school, I noticed some ants in the front yard, so I went out to study them. Later on, while I was helping you with dinner, I noticed that the water in the ice cube tray

expanded when the water in it froze, and I know I wrote about that."

Keisha's mom smiled. "I saw you write that in your journal at the table in the kitchen, so you had your journal then."

"That's true," said Keisha. "Then, after dinner, I was watching the moths by the light on the back porch. I wrote in it then too."

Keisha looked worried. "But I already checked the back porch!"

"Well, after you went to bed, your father mentioned that it was going to rain during the night. Maybe he saw your journal on the back porch and was worried that it would get wet," said Keisha's mom. "Did you look on the table by the back door?"

Keisha's face lit up. She bolted to the table. "Found it, Mom!" she yelled.

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1. In the story, which of these happened first?
 - a. Keisha helped her mother with dinner.
 - b. Keisha studied ants in the front yard.
 - c. Keisha studied moths on the back porch.
 - d. Keisha's father said it was going to rain.

2. In the story, which of these happened last?
 - a. Keisha burst into the living room, calling for her mother.
 - b. Keisha's mom remembered something Keisha's father said the night before.
 - c. Keisha raced to the table by the back door.
 - d. Keisha's mom put down her knitting.

3. What is one thing Keisha did before helping her mother prepare dinner?

4. In this story, do you learn about the events in the same order in which they actually took place? Explain your answer.
