

Sequencing

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

Sequence is the order that things happen. In a story, sequence words like first, next, then and finally help us understand this order.

Read the story. As you do, circle the sequence words.

Ethan decided that he was going to make his own Halloween costume this year! Halloween was only a week away, so he had to get started. First, Ethan had to decide what he wanted to be. After thinking about all his favorite ideas—like a superhero, a ghost or even a pirate—he finally chose to be a robot.



Then, Ethan looked around the house to find materials for his costume. In the recycling bin, he found a big cardboard box for the robot's body and two smaller boxes for the arms. He also found an old shoebox that would make a perfect robot head. Ethan asked his mom for some supplies, and she gave him glue, markers and a roll of shiny aluminum foil.

Next, Ethan got to work on his costume. He covered all the boxes with aluminum foil to make them look metallic and shiny. He used bottle caps and buttons to create a control panel on the chest and drew gears on the cardboard with markers. For the robot's head, Ethan cut out holes for his eyes and mouth. Then he added two empty paper towel tubes on top to look like antennas.

After that, Ethan tried on the costume and practiced walking around the room like a robot. He moved stiffly. His baby sister laughed and clapped when she saw him. Ethan couldn't wait to show his friends on Halloween night!

Then answer the following questions:

- 1. In order to make his costume, what did Ethan do first?**
 - a. He looked in the recycling bin for supplies.
 - b. He asked his mom for supplies.
 - c. He decided what he wanted to be.
 - d. He covered the boxes with aluminum foil.

- 2. What did Ethan do after he cut out holes in the box for his eyes and mouth?**
 - a. He added two empty paper towel tubes on top to look like antennas.
 - b. He made a control panel on the chest.
 - c. He drew gears with markers.
 - d. He showed his baby sister.

3. Ethan used many different supplies to create his project. List these supplies in the order that he used them:

aluminum
foil

markers

cardboard
boxes

bottle caps &
buttons

1.

2.

3.

4.

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Answers

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