

# Sequencing

## Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

**Sequencing** is putting things in order, from first to last.

**Read about how books are published, paying attention to the sequence of events, from *first to last*.**

Books can teach us things and take our imaginations on adventures. Did you know that a book goes through many important steps before it's published for us to read?

First, a book begins with an author's idea. The author may spend months or even years writing and rewriting their story until they are happy with it. Then, they send it to different publishers. Publishers are companies that turn the written story into a real book.

The publishers read the story and decide if they want to print it. Sometimes it can take a long time to find a publisher who says yes to your book. When they do, the book is assigned to an editor who works for the publishing company. The editor works with the author to revise the story and make it even better. This step can take many weeks or months. Sometimes books have to go through many rounds of editing.

Next, the final story goes to the design team. This team helps choose what the book pages will look like and how the pages will be designed. If it is a picture book, an illustrator will start creating the artwork. The designers and the illustrator will help bring the story to life!

Once everything is finished, the book is sent to the printer. Big machines print thousands of copies. These books are then packed and mailed to bookstores, libraries and online stores.

It takes patience, teamwork and time to turn an idea into a book!



List six steps to help a reader understand the *sequence* of how a book is published.

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## Answers

*One possible answer includes:*

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