



Story Line-Up

Objective

The student will sequence events in a story.

Materials

- ▶ Pocket chart
- ▶ Sentence strips

Choose a familiar story and write the story title on a sentence strip.

Write four or more story events on sentence strips.

Activity

Students retell a story while sequencing sentences on a pocket chart.

1. Place the pocket chart and scrambled event sentence strips at the center.
2. Working in pairs, students read the sentences and select the title strip. Place the title in the top pocket of the chart.
3. Select the sentence strip that tells about the first event in the story, reread the sentence, and place in the next row of the pocket chart.
4. Continue until all sentence strips are in sequential order.
5. Read the sentence strips in order.
6. Peer evaluation

Jack and the Bean Stalk

Jack trades cow for magic beans.

Mother throws beans out window and they grow into a giant beanstalk.

Jacks climbs the beanstalk and frees the golden goose.

Jack cuts down beanstalk.

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other stories to make event sentence strips.
- ▶ Write a sentence and draw a picture that illustrates favorite event.
- ▶ Use a graphic organizer to depict events (Activity Master C.003.SS).

Name _____

C.003.SS

Story Line-Up

The graphic organizer is a large rounded rectangle with a grey border. Inside, there are four ovals arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left oval is labeled "Event 1", the top-right "Event 2", the bottom-left "Event 3", and the bottom-right "Event 4". To the right of the ovals is a vertical line with the word "Title" written vertically next to it. In the bottom-left corner of the graphic organizer, there are two circular icons that look like buttons or lights.