

Time order (TO) paragraphs

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(Arya) Yesterday, when I was playing in my backyard, I heard a rustling sound. First, I walked over to my vegetable patch to figure out where the sound was coming from. Then, I saw something slithering in the mint plant patch. Next, I got closer to the patch, and saw a garter snake curled in a nice warm spot. Finally, I ran inside to get my camera to take pictures of it so I could show my friends. **Fun fact-** Garter snakes are not poisonous!

(Arjun) Yesterday, a strange thing happened at my house. In the morning, I was helping my dad with gardening. First, we had to move the pots from indoors to outside for sun. When outside, we spotted something moving in the soil. It turned out to be an ant colony. Next, we decided to dump the soil. We saw a humongous ant that scared both me and my dad. We both panicked and stepped away. Next, my dad put on some proper gloves and removed the ant to a faraway place. Finally, I was done with gardening and decided not to go out for the rest of the day.

(Divya) Yesterday, a strange thing happened at our house. First, when I went outside, I heard a faint chirping sound. I was curious to find out where the sound was coming from. Next, I decided to look around and I found a bird's nest under the deck. There were 3 little baby birds waiting for their mom to return with food. Later that evening, I was very excited to see the mom return to the nest with food. Finally, I went to bed, happy that I had solved the mystery.

Cause and Effect (CE) paragraphs

(Arya) I was in my grandmother's living room playing with my dog. It was a pretty hot day, so I turned on the table fan. What I didn't notice was that my sister had left the bottle of ink open, when she was practicing her calligraphy. Unfortunately, the strong breeze from the fan knocked the ink bottle off the table, and it fell on her precious carpet. *The ink spilled on the carpet.* I felt very bad because my grandfather had bought the carpet from India, for my grandmother on her birthday.

(Anyah) Last week, I spilled a bottle of blue ink in my grandmother's living room. I had been decorating a card for Mother's Day. When I went upstairs to get some glitter, my little brother was playing with his remote-control car. While I was gone, he did some mischief! He thought he could use the ink bottles as obstacles, but his moving car tipped over the blue ink bottle. The remote car was still in motion. The moving wheels picked up the spilled ink and left tire marks all over the carpet. When I came back...Oh no!!...