

Reading Comprehension — Retelling a Story in Order

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child practices retelling a familiar story in sequence using the words 'first, then, next, and finally.' This develops narrative comprehension, sequencing skills, and oral language fluency.

What You Need:

- Familiar story (from earlier this week or a favorite book)
- Sequence word cards (First, Then, Next, Finally)
- Optional: drawing paper for illustrating each part

Steps:

1. Read a short, familiar story (or retell a story read earlier this week).
2. 'Good readers can retell what happened in ORDER. We use special words: FIRST, THEN, NEXT, and FINALLY.'
3. Model retelling: 'First, the boy found a coin. Then he went to the store. Next, he bought a toy. Finally, he went home happy.'
4. 'Now you retell the story! Use the sequence words.'
5. Provide sequence cards as visual support: First, Then, Next, Finally.
6. The child retells the story, touching each card as they progress.
7. 'You can retell any story in order — try it with a story you know well!'

Work Space:

Montessori Homeschool • Print on US Letter (8.5 x 11") • Activity sheet — print on standard paper