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## Salesman's Shifting Times Answer Key

### Correct Sequence of Events:

1. A. Willy and Linda discuss financial troubles (PD)
2. B. Willy recalls Biff's football success and Bernard's warnings (FB)
3. K. Willy recalls his belief in being "well liked" (FB)
4. C. Linda mends stockings; Willy scolds her (FB)
5. H. Ben appears in Willy's memory, urging risk-taking (FB)
6. I. Linda reveals Willy's suicide attempts to Biff and Happy (PD)
7. D. Willy is fired by Howard (PD)
8. F. The boys plan dinner at Frank's Chop House (PD)
9. E. Willy recalls Boston and Biff discovering the affair (FB)
10. L. Biff confronts Willy in the restaurant (PD)
11. G. Willy plants seeds and talks to hallucinations (PD)
12. J. Willy's funeral (PD)

### Teaching Notes:

- This sequencing shows how Miller *weaves memory with present reality* to reveal Willy's decline.
- Pay attention to how flashbacks idealize the past, while present-day events expose disappointment.
- A good follow-up activity is to ask: *How does the play's structure affect our sympathy for Willy?*