

Flow Repair Answer Key

A clear and logical order might look like this:

The bakery on the corner looked busy, with people hurrying in and out. Outside, cars rolled past and a dog barked somewhere down the street. The smell of warm bread drifted from the open door, making my stomach growl. I stepped inside and felt the heat from the ovens wash over me. A tray of fresh pastries sat on the counter, their golden tops shining.

(Any order that begins with the exterior setting, moves to sensory details at the entrance, and ends with interior imagery is acceptable.)

Teacher's Guide

- Review common organizational patterns: outside to inside, far to near, big picture to small details, or general to specific.
- Model how to identify shifts in location or focus to find logical transitions.
- Encourage students to number the sentences in the order they choose before rewriting.
- Offer support by highlighting words that hint at location changes such as inside, outside, near, beyond, or at the counter.
- For grades 5 to 7, focus on simple sequencing and recognizing logical flow.
- For grades 8 to 12, emphasize pacing, transitions, and how organization affects tone or emphasis.
- Extension idea: Provide students with a strong paragraph and ask them to scramble it, then trade with partners to repair the flow.