

Name _____

Desert Camp Paragraph Answer Key

Correct order: 2, 1, 3, 4

Paragraph: My family drove deep into a desert park last Saturday to camp overnight. We unpacked our bags and set up our small tent near a tall rock. At sunset, we cooked simple meals and watched the sky turn orange and pink. After building a small fire, we told stories while the air grew cooler.

Teacher's Guide

- Highlight signal clues such as **when** something happened (last Saturday), **where** it happened (desert park), and what logically starts or ends an experience.
- Allow students to cut the sentences into strips so they can physically move pieces around before deciding the order.
- Support struggling readers by having them identify the **topic sentence** first, then look for actions that follow naturally.
- Challenge advanced students to write a new scrambled paragraph for a partner to solve.
- Encourage students to discuss why their chosen order makes sense before writing the final paragraph.