

Name _____



Birthday Sequence

Directions: Read the short passage below carefully. What follows are **five events** from the story, but they are mixed up. Write the correct order by numbering them 1 to 5 in the blanks.

Quick Reminder: Stories often share events in a particular order. Good readers look for **time words** (like *first*, *then*, *later*, *finally*) and use **context clues** to keep events in the correct sequence.

The Birthday Surprise

Ella woke up to the smell of pancakes. She quickly ran downstairs, where balloons filled the living room. Her parents smiled as they handed her a small box with a bow. When she opened it, she found a shiny new bicycle waiting outside on the porch. Excited, Ella jumped up and down before rushing out to ride her gift.

- A. Ella opened a small box with a bow. → _____
- B. Ella woke up to the smell of pancakes. → _____
- C. Ella rode her new bicycle outside. → _____
- D. Balloons filled the living room when Ella ran downstairs. → _____
- E. Ella found a shiny new bicycle waiting on the porch. → _____

Extra Challenge: Write your own **five numbered sequence of events** for something you did yesterday (example: brushing teeth, eating lunch, playing, reading).