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Sorting Before And After

Stories are made of events that happen **before** and **after** one another. Good readers track which actions come first and which happen later. Sorting events helps keep the sequence clear.

Directions: Read the short story below. Its list of events follows. Sort them into **Before** (happened earlier) and **After** (happened later).

The School Play

The students at Pine Hill School were preparing for their spring play. Olivia painted a colorful backdrop while Max tested the stage lights. The teacher handed out scripts to the cast. During practice, Ella forgot one of her lines but quickly remembered it the second time. At the end of rehearsal, everyone clapped and cheered for their hard work.

Events:

- A. Ella forgot one of her lines.
- B. Olivia painted a colorful backdrop.
- C. The class clapped and cheered at the end of rehearsal.
- D. Max tested the stage lights.
- E. The teacher handed out scripts.

BEFORE	AFTER