

## Capsule Countdown Answer Key

### Correct Sequence (sample order):

1. Students voted on which items to include.
2. The items were placed into the container and sealed.
3. A hole was dug near the flagpole.
4. The container was placed into the ground.
5. The hole was filled with soil.
6. Ms. Carter recorded the location and announced the future opening date.

### Event Importance Rank (sample responses):

- **Most important:** Placing and sealing the items in the container because the capsule cannot work without being protected.
- **Least important:** Announcing the future opening date because it does not change whether the capsule is safely buried.
- **Middle event explanation:** Digging the hole is necessary because the capsule must go underground to be preserved.

### Teacher's Guide

- Review the difference between **event order** and **event importance** before students begin.
- For support, allow students to cut their written events into strips and physically reorder them.
- For enrichment, require students to defend their importance choices using evidence from the passage.
- Increase engagement by having small groups debate which event is most critical before writing.
- Extension idea: have students design their own time capsule sequence and create an importance ranking for their steps.