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Memory Shift

Directions: Read the passage. Identify the **flashback/s**, underline them, then rewrite all events in true chronological order.

Tomas stood backstage listening to the audience settle into their seats for the evening talent show. As he tightened the strings on his guitar, he remembered the first time he had ever played in front of people. Two years earlier, he had nervously performed at a small neighborhood picnic where his hands shook the whole time. Thinking back even further, he recalled buying his first guitar from a yard sale when he was ten. The host's voice snapped him back to the present as she announced his name. Tomas took a deep breath, walked onto the stage, and began to play.

List all events in the correct time order, starting with the earliest.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Time Shift Analysis: Answer in complete sentences.

1. Why might an author use flashbacks in a scene like this?

2. How does the flashback change your understanding of Tomas's final action in the passage?
