

Name _____



Order Shift

Directions: Read the passage. Identify the sequence of events. Then analyze how changing the order would affect the **message**, **tone**, or **theme**.

When Mira stepped onto the rooftop garden, she found her science club already gathered around a wilted tomato plant. First they checked the soil and discovered it was completely dry. Next, they researched possible causes and realized a clogged irrigation nozzle had stopped water flow for two days. After repairing the nozzle, they tested the system to confirm the water was running again. Finally, they presented their findings to the principal, who praised them for solving the problem using teamwork and careful investigation.

Part One: Original Sequence Map

List the four main events in the order they appear.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Part Two: Sequence Impact Evaluation

1. If the **repair step** were placed at the beginning of the passage, how would the tone change?
2. If the **discovery of dry soil** happened after they met with the principal, how would the message of the passage shift?
3. How would presenting their findings **before** running a test affect the theme of teamwork and investigation?
4. Which step is most essential to keep in its current position and why?