

Order Shift Answer Key

Original Sequence:

1. Mira finds the club examining a wilted plant.
2. They discover the soil is dry and identify a clogged irrigation nozzle.
3. They repair the nozzle and test the system.
4. They present their findings to the principal.

Sequence Impact Evaluation (sample responses):

1. Placing the repair step first would create a tone of efficiency rather than investigation because the club would fix the problem before understanding it.
2. If they discovered the dry soil after meeting the principal, the message about careful observation would weaken since the cause would be found too late.
3. Presenting findings before testing would damage the theme of teamwork and investigation because it suggests they acted without verifying the solution.
4. The repair step is essential to remain after the cause is identified because fixing the issue depends on understanding what went wrong.

Teacher's Guide

- Review **tone**, **theme**, and **author's message** to ensure students can identify how sequence affects meaning.
- For support, provide a visual organizer with boxes students can rearrange to experiment with new orders.
- For advanced learners, have them defend whether a specific sequence change strengthens or weakens the message.
- Increase engagement by allowing pairs to rewrite micro versions of the passage with alternate sequences and compare interpretations.
- Extension idea: assign students a short narrative or informational text and ask them to evaluate how its meaning would shift if two key events were reversed.