

River Race Answer Key

Sample Timeline Order:

1. Ava and Noah arrive at the riverside park for the race.
2. They fold paper boats and write their names on them.
3. Racers line up along the river after checking the rules.
4. The boats are placed in the water when the whistle blows.
5. Noah's boat slows near a stick but breaks free.
6. Ava's boat crosses the finish line first and ribbons are given out.

Key Event Check:

1. Before the race, Ava and Noah arrived and made their paper boats.
2. During the race, Noah's boat got slowed by a stick.
3. After the race, ribbons were handed out and the riverbank was cleaned.

Teacher's Guide

- Model how to pull **only important events** from the passage instead of listing every detail.
- For support, reread the passage in sections and pause to ask which event belongs next on the timeline.
- For higher level students, require students to label events as beginning, middle, or end.
- Increase engagement by letting students draw each timeline step on a separate strip of paper and arrange them on the floor.
- Extension idea: have students write their own short race or competition story and exchange timelines with a partner for sequencing.