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Sequence

- **Sequence** refers to the order of events or the steps of a process.
- Dates, times, and clue words such as *first*, *finally*, *meanwhile*, and *then* can help you determine the order of events.
- Sometimes a text will present events out of order. In this case, you can read on, review, or reread the text in order to learn the correct sequence of events.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below.

In 2002, a new library opened in Alexandria, Egypt, named Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Although new libraries open all the time, this new library has a unique story to tell. Bibliotheca Alexandrina opened very near the site of the ancient Great Library of Alexandria. This ancient library dominated learning in the ancient world from approximately 300 B.C. until

A.D. 400. It was home to up to 700,000 scrolls from all over the ancient world. It was partially destroyed when Julius Caesar set fire to the city in A.D. 48. Three centuries later, the library had completely fallen. The new Bibliotheca Alexandrina will house up to 5 million books and build special collections on Egypt, the Middle East, and Islam. It is also fireproof.

| First Event | Second Event | Third Event | Fourth Event |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |

5. How were you able to determine the order of events in this passage?

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Home Activity Your child read a short passage and identified the sequence of events. Work with your child to write down the events from a historical passage on note cards. Scramble the note cards, and then have your child put them in the correct order.