

**Writer's Tip**

- When you write about events, describe them in the order they happened.

I have a fort I dug behind our house. One night, I was in the fort reading comics when Mom called, “Dinnertime!”

I crawled out and saw a family of skunks just two feet away. The mother skunk was glaring at me. Her beady eyes seemed to say, “Don’t you *dare* move.” Two baby skunks were wrestling in the grass nearby.

Then I saw my cat Rex about three yards behind them, crouched in the grass with his tail fluffed up.

“Rex, go home!” I yelled. I must have made him excited. He leaped towards the skunks. The mother skunk lifted her tail, and—phew! That yell sure was a smelly mistake!



Arrange Details: Logical Order

- ▶ Reread the passage. Write the important events in order on the lines below.

- 1 I was in the fort reading comics.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

Your Turn

- ▶ Think about the story you are writing. Use the chart below to write what happened in order.

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2
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- ▶ Use your chart to write a paragraph about what happened to you. Be sure to put the events in the right order.