

# DAD'S NIGHT OFF



I have five brothers and sisters, and my dad takes care of all of us. One night, I decided to give him a night off. I cooked the family dinner myself!

First, I took out the cookbook and looked for a recipe. Next, I looked for the spices. Some of them had funny names, but I found them all in our rack. I followed the recipe just right.

Afterwards, my big sister came home, and I let her help me turn on the oven. Later, my other brothers and sisters came home. They wanted to help too, so I let them set the table.

Finally, Dad came home from work. He looked very tired. We showed him the beautiful dinner table and yelled, "Surprise!" Dad began to smile, and then gave us all a big hug.

## Writer's Tip

- Transitions are words or phrases that help tell the order of a story.
- Some good transition words are *then*, *next*, *afterwards*, *later*, and *finally*.



## Transitions

- ▶ Reread the passage. Find the transition words and underline them. Then write them on the lines below.

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③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Turn

- ▶ Think about the personal story you are writing. Look at the word in each box. Write a sentence that could be in your story using that word.

**First**

**Afterwards**

**Next**

**Finally**

- ▶ Use your chart to write a paragraph of your personal story. Be sure to use transition words to tell the order.