

# Sequence of Events • Extreme Survivors • 1

To determine the sequence of events as you read, remember:



- **Events** are important things that happen.
- The **sequence** is the order in which things happen.
- **Signal words** help explain the order in which things happen. Examples are *first, next, last, yesterday, tomorrow, and finally*, plus times and dates.

Read “Tsunami Survivor.” Find the sequence of events. Then mark the text.

## Tsunami Survivor



On December 26, 2004, an earthquake under the Indian Ocean caused a terrifying tsunami. Ari Afrizal was building a house when a 30-foot high wall of water crashed over him. Soon after, he was swept out to sea. For an hour, he managed to stay afloat. Then he grabbed hold of a wooden plank. The next day, he climbed aboard a leaky fishing boat. On the boat, Ari ate coconuts that floated by and watched shark fins circle around him. Finally, Ari was rescued by a passing ship. He had survived for an amazing 15 days.

### Sequence of Events Text Marks

-  Box the **signal words**.
-  Underline the important **events**.
- 1-2-3** Number the events in the **sequence** they happened.

### Mark the Text

Find the sequence of events.

-  Box the times, dates, and signal words.
-  Underline the important events.
- 1-2-3** Number the events in the sequence they happened.

## Sequence of Events • Extreme Survivors • 2

Read “Air Crash Survivor.” Find the sequence of events. Then mark the text.

### Air Crash Survivor

In December, 1971, Juliane Koepcke boarded a plane. She was headed for the Amazon rainforest to visit her father. An hour later, a bolt of lightning hit the plane. Then it exploded into pieces in midair. Next, Juliane found herself spinning through the air. She fell more than two miles before landing in the thick jungle.

For the next ten days, Juliane walked through the dangerous rainforest. She followed creeks and rivers. She waded through water filled with crocodiles. At last, she found a hut and was rescued. Later, Juliane learned that she was the only survivor of the crash.



#### Mark the Text

Find the sequence of events.

☐ Box the times, dates, and signal words.

— Underline the important events.

**1-2-3** Number the events in the sequence they happened.

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Read “Earthquake Survivor.” Find the sequence of events. Then mark the text.

## Earthquake Survivor

On January 12, 2010, a strong earthquake shook the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Teenager Darlene Etienne was inside a house that collapsed into rubble. At first, Darlene tried to move. However, she was buried under tons of concrete and steel. Next she screamed for help. No one could hear her voice over all the noises in the city. For 15 days, Darlene stayed alive. She continued to call for help. Then a neighbor heard her voice. He alerted rescuers. Finally, a French rescue team pulled her out of the rubble.

Darlene looked like a ghost. She was barely alive, but she never gave up. She was a true survivor.



### Mark the Text

Find the sequence of events.

☐ Box the times, dates, and signal words.

— Underline the important events.

**1-2-3** Number the events in the sequence they happened.