



## Sequencing (Grades K-3)

Sequencing means numbering or putting in order the steps it takes to do something. In math, a person must learn the sequence to be able to solve a problem. Think about the steps it takes to do these calculations:

$1+1=2$

$5+5=10$

$5 \times 5=25$

$10 \div 5=2$

### Activity

Sequencing will help your child learn early math skills and also help him understand that any process requires several steps. Have you ever figured out how many steps it takes to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? The age of your child can help you decide how complex the steps should be and how much help you will need to give.

Your child may need you to show him how to do something before trying the task by himself. This is called modeling the activity. You can model any task that requires steps. Examples include putting away toys, making a bed, or taking out the garbage. In this case, we will make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Due to the materials involved, you'll want to supervise at all times.

### Materials

Bread, peanut butter, jelly, spoon or butter knife

### Directions

First, you make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Make sure your child watches every step.

Now, provide the materials for your child to use. Number a piece of paper from 1 to 10. Observe each step as the child tries to make the sandwich. Have your child tell you aloud what each step is, and you write each one down. If the child is able, have him write the steps himself with a little help from you.

Eat and enjoy!