



ARTHUR™ AND

What Happened Next?

Many children know the *Arthur* stories by heart. By retelling familiar stories about Arthur and his friends, children develop sequencing, reading comprehension, and oral presentation skills.

Materials

- ARTHUR program and book of the same story
- blank sentence strips
- chart paper
- markers

Take It Further

Children can make miniature books about special times in their own lives. Ask them to recall what happened first, next, and last. They can then write four sentences or draw four pictures, one per index card, and tape the cards together to make an accordion-style book. Use another card for the title page.

Home/School Connection

Have children ask a family member to recount a special event from his or her childhood in four sentences or pictures. With the family member's permission, have children share their stories with the class.

Directions

- 1** Explain that all stories are made up of a series of events: what happens first, next, and last. By recalling the events of a story in sequence, we can tell the story to someone else.
- 2** Read the book until a major story problem has occurred and a few "middle" events have been presented.
- 3** Discuss two or three events and, as a class, compose a sentence to describe each one of them. Write the sentences on strips and display them in order to create a "Story Chart." Where possible, add sequence words (such as "first," "then," and "later") from the story as headings.
- 4** Finish the story and have the class create sentences for the concluding events. Ask students to provide the correct sequence so you can add the sentence strips to the "Story Chart."
- 5** Call on individuals to read the sentences in response to your questions: What happened first? What happened next? What happened at the end? Ask volunteers to use the sentence strips to retell the entire story from beginning to end.
- 6** Before watching the program, ask children to look for the events they noted in the "Story Chart." After watching, discuss whether the events in the book and program were the same.

ARTHUR Books and Programs

Arthur Goes to Camp ★
Arthur's Birthday ★
Arthur's Tooth ★

Read All About It

May I Bring a Friend?
 Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
Mr. Gumpy's Outing, John Burningham
Show and Tell Day, Anne Rockwell

