

Bell Ringer – Logical Order of Sentences

Objective: Determine the correct order of a series of sentences for the sake of logic

In each group of sentences below, a topic sentence is followed by three sentences which develop the topic but are not in logical order. For each one, please do the following:

- 1) Number the sentences in the order that they should appear in the paragraph, and
- 2) Put a box around or highlight the transitional words and phrases.

Day 1

Topic Sentence: I'll never forget the last two minutes of Sunday's football game.

- _____ A. They failed to get the extra point, but they won 28 to 27.
- _____ B. The Turtles were leading the Burros 27 to 22
- _____ C. The Burros's quarterback threw a fifty-three-yard pass to the left end who scored a touchdown.
- _____ D. The Burros had the ball.

Day 2

Topic Sentence: In order to study effectively, there are several steps which the student should take.

- _____ A. After you sit down, adjust the light or chair so that your books or papers are not in a shadow.
- _____ B. To start, get all the books and supplies you will need.
- _____ C. Then find a quiet place where you will not be disturbed.
- _____ D. Make sure it provides a comfortable chair and desk or table at a suitable height.

Day 3

Topic Sentence: The life cycle of the butterfly is an interesting one.

- _____ A. The eggs hatch into caterpillars which have enormous appetites and soon become too large for their skins.
- _____ B. In the next stage of life, the caterpillars become pupas, covered with a case of hard skin.
- _____ C. First the female butterfly lays her eggs on or near the kinds of plants her young will need for food.
- _____ D. When the pupa inside has turned into a butterfly, the skin splits open and the butterfly is released.

Day 4

Topic Sentence: Stories about once-discovered gold or buried treasure keep weekend prospectors retuning to fabled sites.

- _____ A. Of course, that doesn't stop people from continuing to search for it.
- _____ B. According to the story, one of the old prospectors hid his share in a washtub in the vicinity of Hill City, South Dakota.
- _____ C. Despite repeated attempts by modern-day prospectors, no one has found a trace of the washtub or the gold.
- _____ D. A typical tale tells about two prospectors who struck it rich in 1879.