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Ordering Paragraphs

It is hard to read things that are out of sequence. Thinking about how a story or an article *should* fit together will make you a stronger reader. Read each paragraph carefully so that you know everything it tells about. Then think about how the article or story should fit together to make sense.

Read each paragraph. Then number the paragraphs 1 through 4 in the correct sequence.

_____ If you don't believe this tale, just go to Windham. You'll find a sign on a rock near the pond. It tells all about the night some frogs scared a whole town.

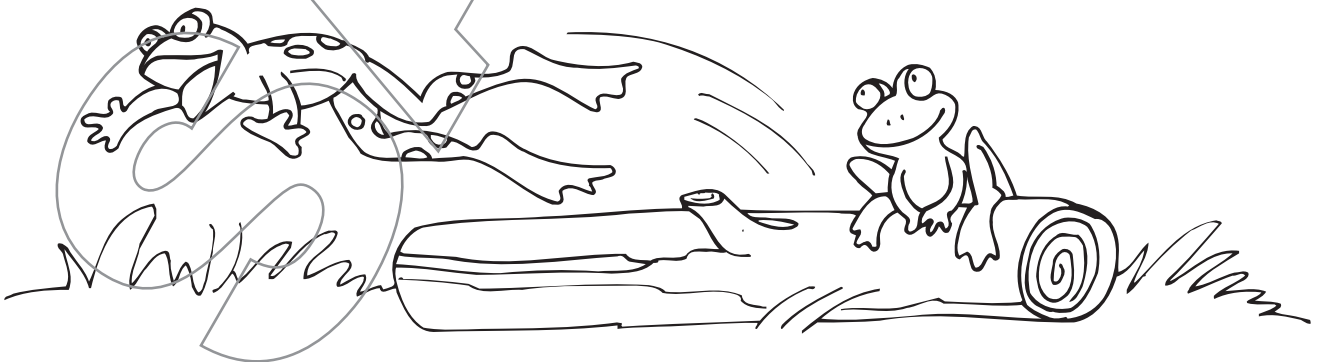
_____ A group of people grabbed their guns and headed toward the noise. At a hill just outside of town, they stopped. The noise seemed to be coming from the other side of the hill. But the people decided it would be best to wait until morning to see what it was.

_____ At sunup, the noise finally died down. The people crept forward. Soon, they were feeling a bit silly. The frightening enemy turned out to be frogs. The summer had been very hot and dry. The frogs had fought a noisy battle over the little water that remained in their pond.

_____ It was a hot summer night in the 1700s. The people of Windham, Connecticut, were sleeping peacefully. Suddenly, a loud screeching broke through the quiet night. People all over town rushed out of their houses. Everyone was sure they were being attacked.

Ordering Paragraphs

Did you number the paragraphs in this order: 4, 2, 3, 1? If so, you are right. **First**, the people were awakened by screeching sounds. **Next**, they went off to find the cause of the noise. **Then** they discovered that frogs had been fighting. **Last**, a sign was put up to tell about what happened that night.



Number the paragraphs 1 through 4 to show the correct sequence.

_____ Now both men and women have jobs as operators, but another change is taking place. Because most of the work that operators once did is done by computers, fewer and fewer operators are needed.

_____ Those earliest operators were boys and young men. In some places, customers began to complain. They felt that the boys were rude. To fix the problem, the phone company started hiring young women.

_____ For the next 80 years, just about all telephone operators were female. Then the

phone company made another change because some people began saying that an operator's job shouldn't be for women only. Once again, men were hired. But this time, the operators were well trained and not rude to callers.

_____ When the first telephones were made, they didn't have dials. To place a call, the caller had to turn a crank to signal the operator. Then the operator would put the call through.

What is the safest nest in the animal world? It may be the king cobra's. The mother king cobra builds a nest by pulling leaves and dead grass into a pile. Then she hides her eggs in the middle of it. Once the eggs are in the nest, the king cobra sits on top of it. If any creature comes near, she strikes in a flash. The king cobra is big and fast. She also has a deadly poison. So most animals stay far away from her nest.



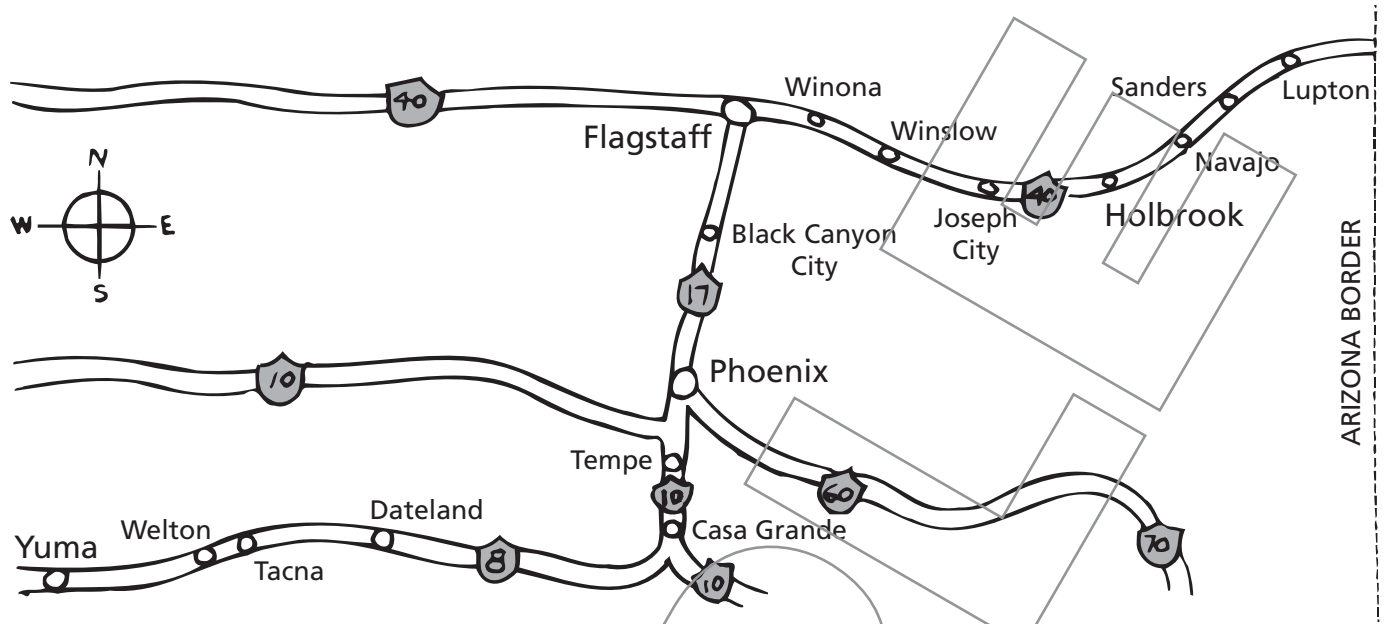
1 When does the mother king cobra pull leaves and dead grass together?

- A** before she hides her eggs
- B** after she hides her eggs
- C** after she sits on a nest
- D** after she makes a nest

2 When does the mother king cobra sit on her nest?

- A** before she lays her eggs
- B** before she hides her eggs
- C** while the eggs are in it
- D** after the eggs have hatched

Find the cities of Yuma and Holbrook on the map below. Then answer the questions that follow.



- 1 As you ride from Yuma to Holbrook, which city comes before Tempe?
 - A Flagstaff
 - B Casa Grande
 - C Black Canyon City
 - D Phoenix

- 2 Going east on Route 40, which city comes after Holbrook?
 - A Joseph City
 - B Winona
 - C Flagstaff
 - D Navajo

- 3 Riding east from Yuma on Route 8, which city do you reach first?
 - A Dateland
 - B Tacna
 - C Welton
 - D Casa Grande

- 4 If you followed Route 40 out of Holbrook east to the Arizona border, what is the last town on the map that you would go through?
 - A Sanders
 - B Navajo
 - C Lupton
 - D Holbrook