

## chronological-time order

1. Which of these events belongs in a summary of the first part of the story?
- A Nina visits a school gym in Maine.
  - B A crew gets ready to take down the dam.
  - C Nina and her dad give out information before a meeting.
  - D A man named Sam Stone talks with Nina and her father.

2. Which phrase gives a clue to the meaning of the word demolition in paragraph 1?
- A "less than a week"
  - B "tear down"
  - C "near their home"
  - D "several years"

3. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then answer Part B.

**Part A** What can the reader infer about Nina from this story?

- A She is a hard worker.
- B She loves to go fishing.
- C She knows how to sail.
- D She gets good grades at school.

**Part B** Which detail from the passage best supports the answer to Part A?

- A "They were there to talk to people about the 'big day.'"
- B "In less than a week, demolition crews would tear down the dam near their home in Maine."
- C "Nina passed out fact sheets to people for the meeting."
- D "Nina was thinking that she had gone with her dad to at least ninety events."

4. In paragraph 3, the word great is pronounced with the same vowel sound as—
- A least.
  - B paid.
  - C small.
  - D head.

5. Choose **four** sentences that belong in a correct summary of events and put **them** in time order by writing a number from 1 (first) to 4 (last) on the line next to the event. (Two events will not be used.)

**Sentences:**

- People from nearby towns come to the meeting at the school.
- A crew arrives to take down the dam.
- Nina and her father pack up the truck before heading home.
- Nina and her father prepare for a meeting to inform people about the dam removal.
- Nina goes to at least ninety events related to taking down the dam.
- Nina's father talks about the good things that will come from taking down the dam.

6. What does Nina's dad think will happen as a result of taking down the dam?

- A The river will become more polluted.
- B People will pay more for electricity.
- C More people will come to their meetings.
- D There will be more fish in the river.

7. In paragraph 9, what does the word fret mean?

- A worry
- B talk
- C cheer
- D argue

8. In paragraph 10, the a in happen is pronounced like the a in—

- A able.
- B nature.
- C passed.
- D today.



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## Grade 4 • Unit 1 • Week 1 Assessment

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Read this passage. Then answer the questions.

### Down with the Dam!

- 1 Nina Hall helped her dad set up a small table in the school gym. They were there to talk with people about the "big day." In less than a week, demolition crews would tear down the dam near their home in Maine. This was the result of people working together for several years.
- 2 Nina passed out fact sheets to people for the meeting. Local leaders were holding a meeting to answer questions about the dam.
- 3 "I've been to at least 100 events over the past three years," Nina's father said. "But it's been great."
- 4 "Our hard work has paid off," said Sam Stone. He was the head of a group called River First. Nina was thinking that she had gone with her dad to at least ninety events. This would be one of the last.
- 5 The dam had been built about 100 years earlier. Its purpose was to make electricity. But the dam blocked fish from moving up the river.
- 6 "Next summer, we'll be able to go for a real fishing trip on the river," Nina's father said.
- 7 "By next summer, we should have better water and a lot more wildlife," said Sam.

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- 8 A town resident said, "I'm afraid our electric bills will really go up."
- 9 "You don't need to fret about that," said Nina's father. "Other power stations in the area will ramp up. So we'll have lots of fish and power."
- 10 After the meeting, Nina helped her dad pack up their truck. "Thanks, Dad," she said. "Now I see that if you have a dream, you can make it happen. You just have to work for it."