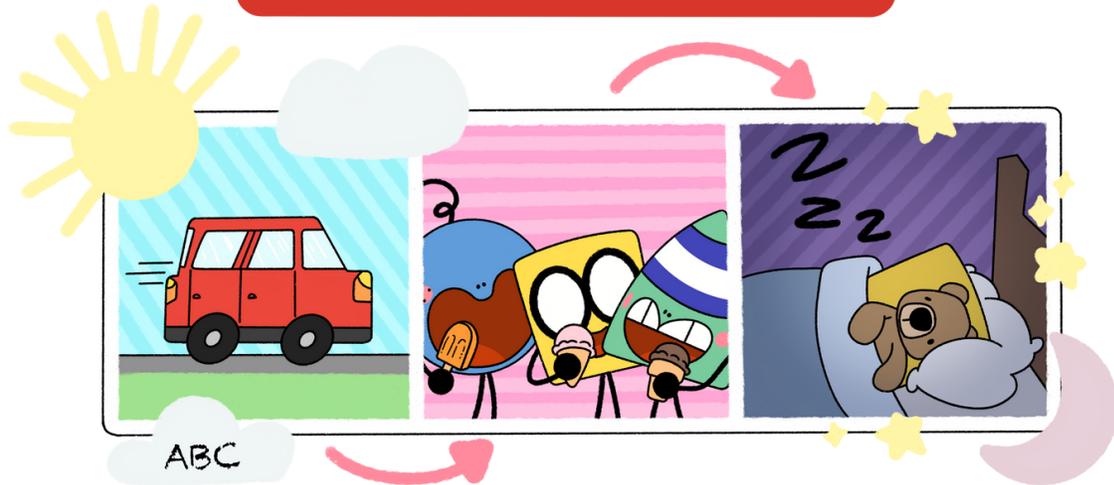


TOYBOX



First, Next, Last . . .

How Does The Story Go?

Beginner: Tell a story using two pictures (by drawing them, using books/magazines, or looking online). Ask which image should be first, and which comes next.

[Tip]: Label the images with words like “first” and “next”.

Intermediate: Show your child three pictures that tell a story in a mixed up order. Ask your child to show which picture should be *first*, *next*, and *last*.

[Tip]: Label the images with words like “first, next, and last.”

Experienced: Show your child five pictures that tell a story in a mixed up order. See if your child can order the pictures in a way that makes sense.

[Tip]: Label the images with words like, “first, next, then, after, and last.”

Why is this important? Understanding the order of events builds skills for reading and writing.

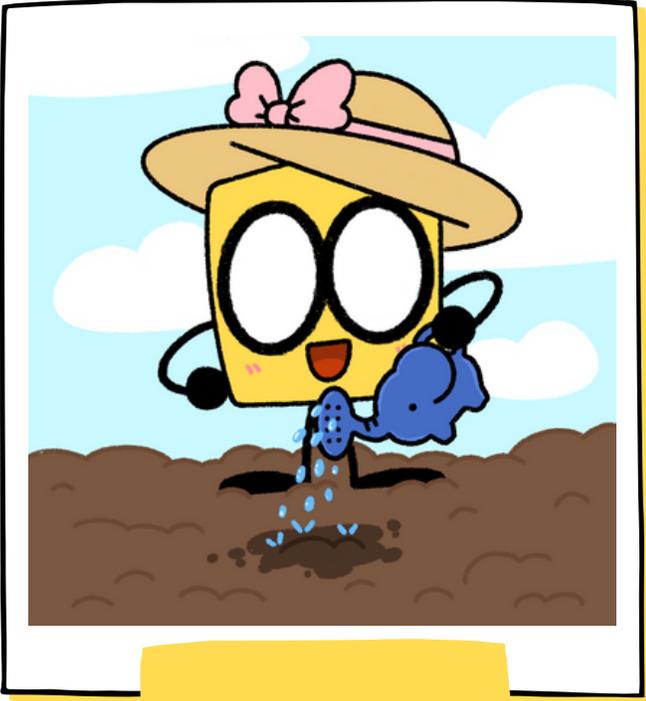
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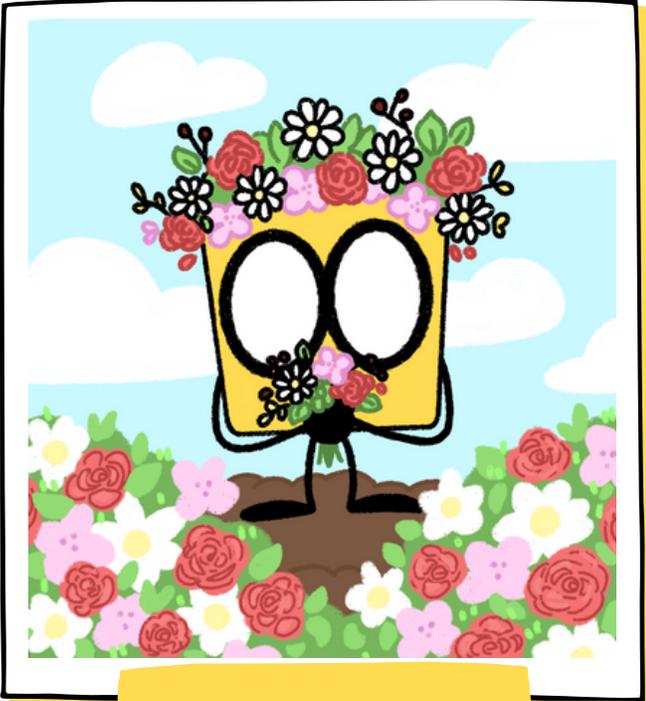
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FIRST, NEXT, LAST...

Can you label these images by which one comes "first" and which one comes "next?"





FIRST, NEXT, LAST...

Can you label these images by which one comes "first", "next", and "last?"



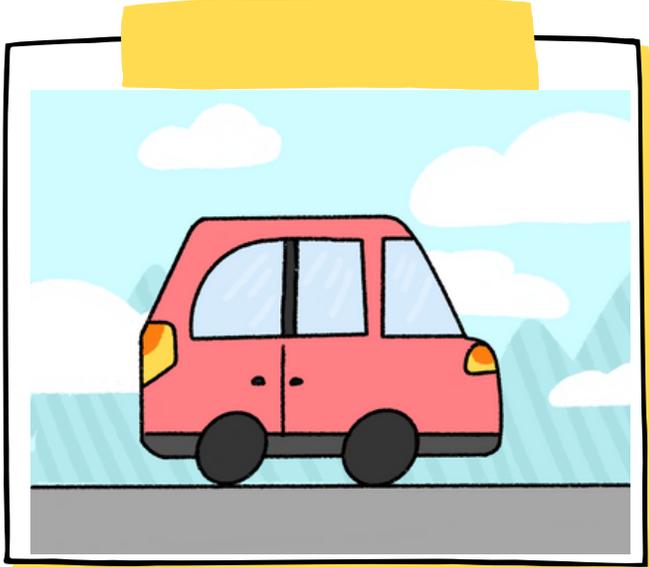


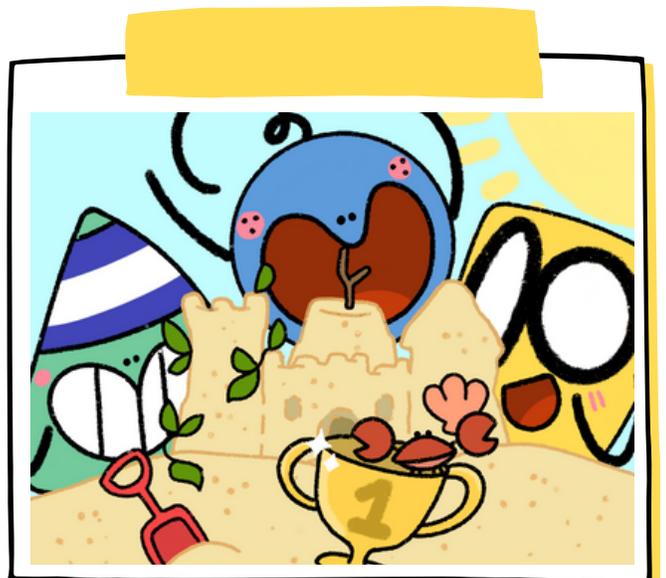


FIRST, NEXT, LAST...

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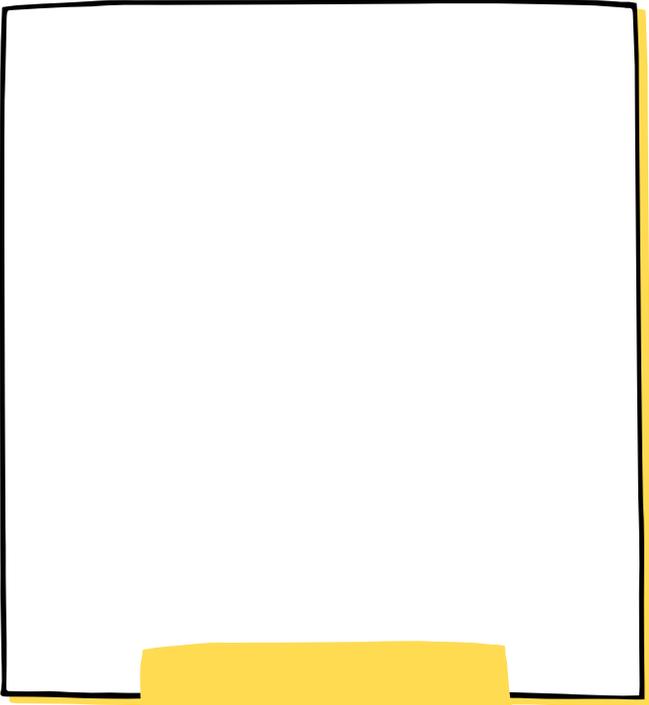


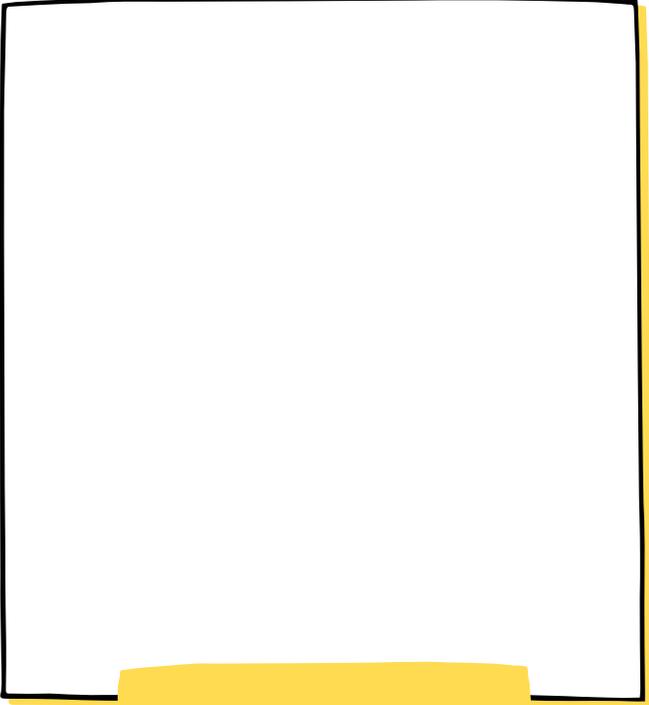




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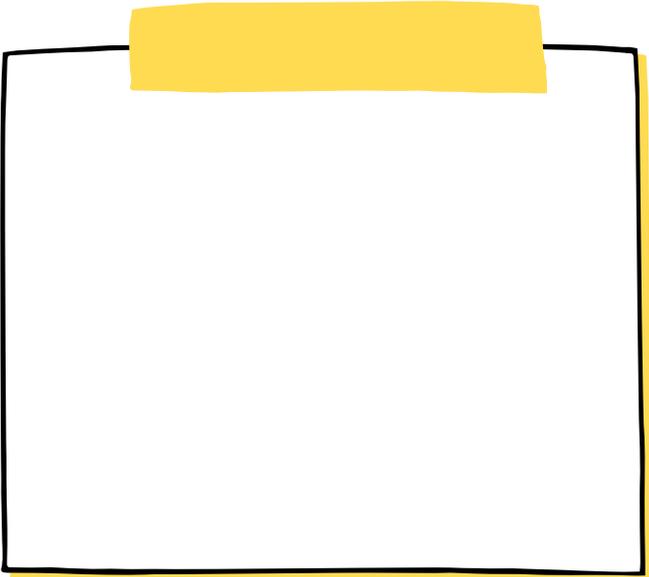
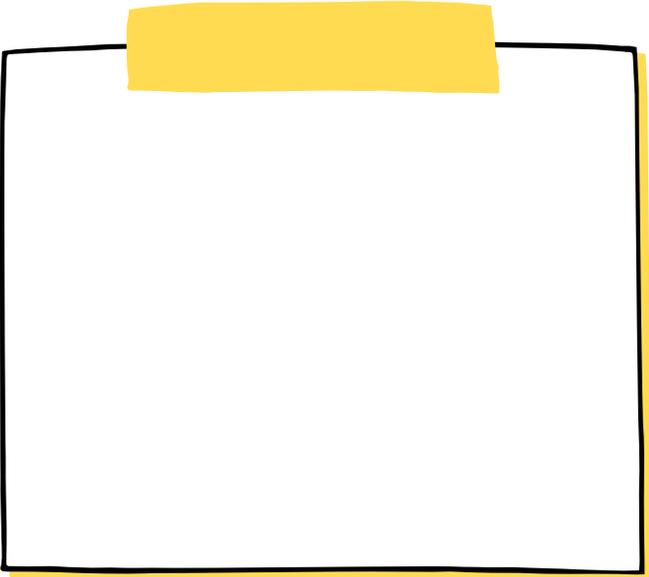
Draw or glue pictures into the boxes below and create a short story using the prompts: First and Next





FIRST, NEXT, LAST...

Draw or glue pictures into the boxes below and create a short story using the prompts: first, next, and last.





FIRST, NEXT, LAST...

Draw or glue pictures into the boxes below and create a short story using the prompts: first, next, then, after, and last.

