## Video: Powerhouse Pit-Stop

Sequence Nonfiction Text Structure (set of steps and directions)

Sam and Josh found a birdfeeder for Sam's grandmother and learned about the nesting cycle of hummingbirds. Next, Sam finds information on feeding hummingbirds and a recipe for making hummingbird food in her hummingbird magazine. The two prepare to make the food, but Josh is concerned that his lack of experience in the kitchen will result in culinary disaster. Sam, however, is excited to show Josh how sequence text structure can help him become a master chef! The magazine article and recipe have proven to be great examples of Sequence Nonfiction Text Structure.

Now it's <u>Your Turn</u>! Read <u>Feeding Hummingbirds and Sugar Water Recipe</u> and create your own *Think Aloud* and Graphic Organizer.

Then compare your thinking with Sam's Think Aloud and Graphic Organizer.





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#### While You Read:

Notice signal words that can help you determine the order of the events. You may want to highlight signal words in blue and the events in orange, tan, brown and green. (You may use any colors available to you – just remember your color scheme!)

#### After You Read:

Think about this question, "What are the sequence of steps when feeding a hummingbird?"

Think about the video you just watched. Sam shared how she made sense of the Feeding Hummingbirds article. Create your own *Think Aloud*. Share how you made sense of this passage, too.

#### **Feeding Hummingbirds:**

Feeding hummingbirds is an entertaining, educational,



and inexpensive hobby. These flying jewels burn an incredible number of calories because of their high-energy lifestyle. Your feeder may be exactly the "pit stop" they need!

Here are some easy steps that will help you get started.

- 1) First, find out if there are hummingbirds in your area. A birding field guide or the local chapter of the National Audubon Society will give you the information you need.
- 2) Next, make a simple hummingbird feeder. There are several plans available on the Internet, with minimal supplies needed. Remember that hummingbirds are attracted to the color red. A red ribbon will catch the eye of your new visitors. There are also many commercial hummingbird feeders available for purchase.
- 3) When your feeder is ready, you can add the hummingbird's food source. It's easy to adjust this recipe to make any size batch you want.







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- Think about this question "What is the recipe's sequence for making hummingbird food?"
- Think about the video you just watched. Sam shared how she made sense of the recipe. Create your own *Think Aloud*. Share how you made sense of this recipe, too.

#### **Sugar Water Recipe:**

Mix 1 cup water to every 1/4 cup table sugar in a pan.

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Sam's Think Aloud: Authors use sequence nonfiction text structure when they want to put events in order. Here the author used both numbers and signal words so that I can understand the steps needed to feed hummingbirds. I should draw a sequence chart to record the actions. I notice the number "1" and the signal word, "First." I know that this will be the first thing I record on my sequence chart. I record "Determine if hummingbirds are in the area." From the number "2" and the signal word "Next," I know that I will read what to do second. I read that I can either make a hummingbird feeder, or I can purchase one. I decide to record "Get a hummingbird feeder" since I'm thinking this is the important idea to remember. When I see the number "3," I understand that this will be the third step. I record, "Add hummingbird food."

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**Sam's Graphic Organizer:** "Because the author is providing information for the steps of feeding hummingbirds I am going to create a sequence chart graphic organizer to record the steps."

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- How do signal words help Sam make sense of the text?
- Why might this process help you make sense of text?
- How does the Sequence Chart help Sam sequence the steps?
- When might this process be useful?







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Sam's Think Aloud: It's helpful for the author to include a recipe for hummingbird food. Recipes are another example of sequence text structure. Recipes need to be made in the order they are written in order to come out right. I do not see any numbers or signal words, so I'm thinking that I must read carefully in order to understand the steps of making hummingbird food. I want to record each step in sequence chart to help me better understand the process."

I'm thinking that I will need to "Mix the water and sugar" first, since it is the first direction written in the recipe. I will record that step on my sequence chart graphic organizer. I understand that the next thing I need to do is to bring the mixture to a boil, just until the sugar is dissolved, since this is written as the second direction. I record, "Bring to a boil" as the second entry on my graphic organizer. Since "cover and cool in the refrigerator" is the third direction I read, I know that this will be the next thing I need to do. I record "Cover and cool" on my graphic organizer. I'm thinking that the last step is to pour the sugar water into my feeder, because it is the last direction of the recipe. I record "Pour into feeder" as the fourth and final entry on my graphic organizer.

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