

Paragraph Order

Name: _____

Which of the following paragraphs have a chronological order, a physical order, an order of importance, or an order of climax? Explain why you think so. Highlight the transition words used in each paragraph that help you decide the order.

I have many interesting hobbies. Perhaps the most interesting is when I open up my history books and read about ancient civilizations. This hobby takes up most of my time. Another hobby that is interesting is playing basketball to keep fit. I usually play with my friends in a game of 3-on-3. Another hobby that I spend a little time on is collecting hockey cards. However, I do not spend as much time on this hobby as I do on my other hobbies.

As the old man entered the old house he looked into the dark room on the left. It was the dining room now filled with cobwebs. An old television was in the corner with dust over the screen. He then glanced to his right and saw what looked like the living room with a large wooden table with a candlestick holder sitting in the middle. A creaky staircase was straight ahead of him. As he cautiously went up the stairs he noticed on both the right and left walls the pictures of the house's previous owners seemed to be staring at him. When he reached the top, he turned to the right and slowly began walking. The first bedroom he passed seemed to have a girl's furniture in it. The first bedroom on the left showed that it must have belonged to a boy with its hockey posters still clinging to the walls. The final bedroom at the end of the old hallway could only belong to the parents.

As my friend and I were bowling, we wanted to make it interesting. We made a bet that whoever won would not have to pay. I won the first two games easily. Then, my friend showed that he would not be beaten easily as he won the next two. The final game would decide it all. At the end of the game, my friend was down by five points with one roll left. As he threw it, I held my breath. He only knocked down four pins. I had won!

When Mel gets home after school, he has to do a number of things. First, he unloads his schoolbag. Then, he changes his school clothes into ones that are more comfortable. Afterwards, he begins his homework that needs to be completed before the next school day. A little later, he turns on the television for an hour and watches his favorite programs. After dinner, he does a bit of personal reading until he goes to bed.
