

READ THE PASSAGE Look for signal words that tell you the order of events.

How to Wash a Car

Washing a car is fun on a hot summer day. First, you must close the car windows. You don't want to get the seats wet! Next, make sure that the hose is long enough. It has to reach the car. Then, turn on the hose and get ready to spray. Spray water on the windows. Spray water on the doors. Spray water on the bumpers and wheels.

Next, use a big, soapy sponge to rub the car all over. Rub, rub, rub! Rub the doors. Rub the windows. Rub the front and back.

Then, it's time to rinse. It takes some time to get all the soap off. Use the hose to wash off all the soap. Start at the roof and go down. Soapy water will run down the windows. It will run down onto the ground.

Last, get an old towel. Wipe the car to get it dry. Stand back and see yourself in the shiny paint. Wow! Good job!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Which of these steps happens first?

- Ⓐ Get the car wet.
- Ⓑ Turn on the hose.
- Ⓒ Get the car soapy.
- Ⓓ Close the windows.

2. Right after you rub the car with soap, you _____.

- Ⓐ dry it with a towel
- Ⓑ rinse it with water from a hose
- Ⓒ close all the windows
- Ⓓ look at yourself in the shiny paint

3. When are the windows washed?

- Ⓐ after the car is shiny
- Ⓑ before the car is soapy
- Ⓒ before the car is sprayed
- Ⓓ when the car is washed

4. Which of these is used last?

- Ⓐ soap
- Ⓑ water
- Ⓒ a towel
- Ⓓ a sponge

STRATEGY PRACTICE Underline the signal words in the first paragraph that tell the steps for washing a car.