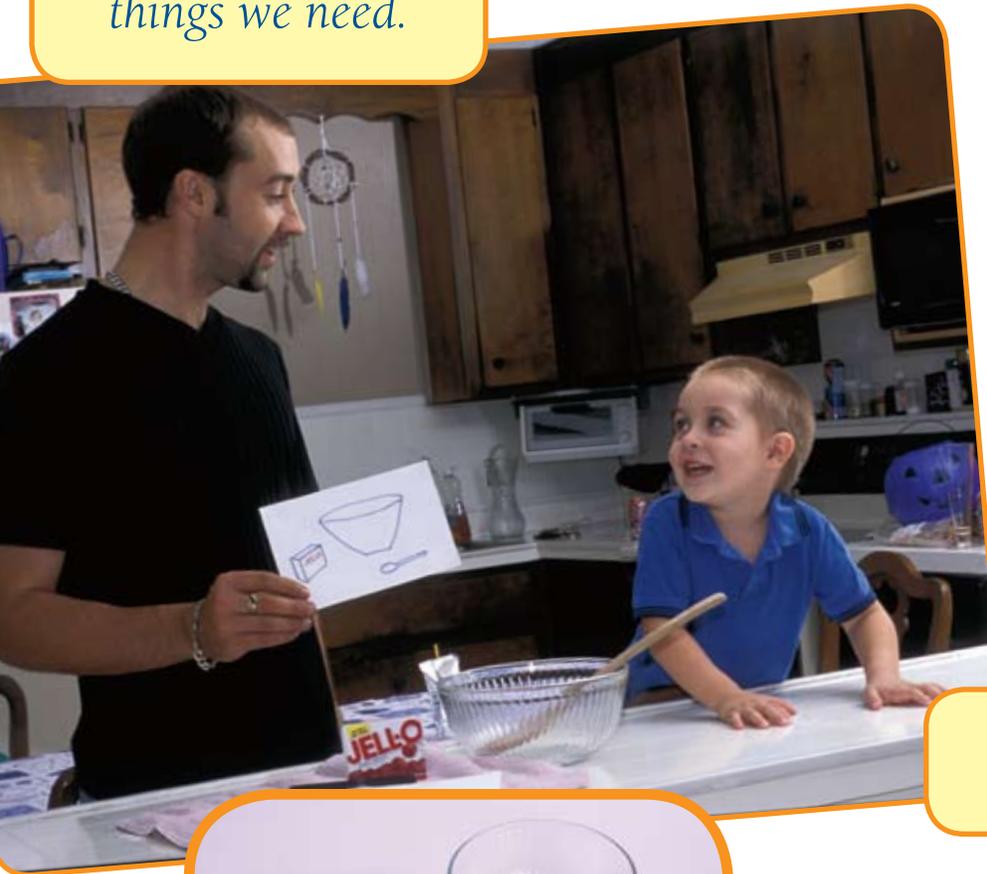


# First, Next, Last

*First we find the things we need.*



Use picture cards and the words *first*, *next*, and *last* to teach your child a simple recipe.

You child's ability to remember the order of events in a process will improve.

*Yes!*





## Why this is important

This game provides a fun situation for learning sequencing. Your child will see that some events happen in a given order. Following a recipe builds skills that will help him remember the order of events. Many tasks such as telling a story, bathing, dressing, or riding a bicycle must be done in a particular order to be successful.

## What you do

- Invite your child to help you make something from a simple recipe.
- Show him three index cards, and explain that as you work you will draw pictures of what you did.
- Pick up one card and say, *This card is for what we do first. First, we collect the things we need. As you name the objects (bowl, spoon, measuring cup, and water), make a simple outline drawing of each object on the card.*
- Collect the items together, and review: *First, we found the things we needed.*
- Explain the next step and ask for his help. *Next, we have to put the JELL-O® and the hot water together. How could we do that?* Wait for his suggestion and respond: *Right, we put them in the bowl and mix them. That's the next step. Let me put that on the card.*
- Review the completed step, and then move on to the last step: *The last thing we do is put the JELL-O® in the refrigerator.*
- Illustrate the third step on a card before reviewing all three steps. Ask him to look at the cards and remember which came first, then next, and then last.

## Another idea

On another day, encourage him to make the recipe again so he can use the cards to remember the steps. Invite him to share the cards with a relative so that he can practice explaining the order of events.

### Let's read together!

*Rabbit Pie*  
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