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Summarising and Sequencing Events Worksheet

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

READ READ THE STORY CAREFULLY

The Lost Footpath

On Saturday morning, Isla joined her dad and little brother, Ben, for a walk around Fernwood Park. Dad had promised to show them an old footpath leading to a pond where herons nested. At the entrance, he unfolded a map, but a gust snatched it and carried it over a fence. They decided to continue carefully.

At first, the trail was easy to follow. Ben spotted blue markers nailed to trees. At a fork, however, one path dipped into muddy woods while the other climbed a sunny hill. Dad was unsure which led to the pond. Isla remembered that the map showed the pond beside a crooked oak, so she climbed the hill to look. From the top, she spotted the oak and a glint of water beyond it. The family chose the higher trail.

Soon, dark clouds gathered and light rain began. Ben wanted to turn back, but Isla noticed the blue markers continuing along the ridge. They followed them and reached the pond just as the rain stopped. A heron lifted from the reeds, its wings wide against the silver water.

On the way home, Dad thanked Isla for noticing landmarks instead of guessing. Ben drew a new map, marking the fork and crooked oak, so the next family could find the pond without losing their way.

First, check your understanding. Answer in full sentences.

1. **Why did Dad hesitate when the family reached the fork?**

2. **How did Isla help the family find the pond? Give one detail.**

3 Summarise the main points

Write a short summary in three parts. Include only the most important events.

BEGINNING	MIDDLE	END
What starts the story?	What is the main challenge?	How does the story finish?

4 Put the events in order

Write 1–5 in the boxes to show when each event happened. Write 1 for the first event.

- ☐ Ben drew a new map of the route on the way home.
- ☐ A gust snatched Dad’s map and blew it over the fence.
- ☐ The family reached the pond and saw a heron rise from the reeds.
- ☐ Isla spotted the crooked oak and a glimpse of water from the hill.
- ☐ At the fork, Dad was unsure which path to take.

5 Think a little deeper

Which clue was most useful to Isla? Explain why it helped her.