


Activity R4B: Using Transitions to Order a Long Passage

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

<p style="text-align: center;">Materials</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL iBT® Test</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> iBT®, 3E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Activity Sheet R4B on page A 166</p>

The purpose of this activity is to reinforce the information in **Reading Skill 4: INSERT SENTENCES INTO THE PASSAGE.**

Before class:

Prepare handouts of **Activity Sheet R4B** on page A 166. You will need one handout for every two students.

In class:

1. Put students in pairs and give each pair a handout.
2. Remind students that it is important to notice transitions and repeated ideas to understand the order of sentences in a paragraph.
3. Have pairs number the sentences in the correct order.
4. Ask students to work with their partner to underline the transitions and repeated ideas that help them understand the correct order of the sentences in the paragraphs.
5. Discuss the answers with the class.

Answers

- (1) You might not believe the story I'm going to tell you, but it is a true story.
- (2) This strange but true story has to do with an unusual will.
- (3) A will is a document showing what will happen with your money after your death, and this was the will of a female member of a well-known business family.
- (4) The woman in question was Daisy Singer Alexander, a member of the family that created Singer Sewing Machines.
- (5) Daisy was living in London, England, in 1937.

- (6) In that year she decided she needed to write a will, given that she was worth a fair amount of money.
- (7) The will that she wrote said, in part: “I leave my entire estate to the person who finds this bottle,” and she stuffed the will into a bottle.
- (8) She took the bottle with the will in it down to the Thames River near her home.
- (9) She threw the bottle into the river.
- (10) From its starting point in the river, the bottle eventually made its way to the other side of the world.
- (11) After a twelve-year trip, the bottle landed on a beach in San Francisco, California.
- (12) A man walking along this particular California beach found the bottle.
- (13) The man’s name was Jack.
- (14) Jack opened the bottle and read the message.
- (15) He decided to investigate whether the message was true.
- (16) He found out that the message was indeed real and that he had millions of dollars coming to him.