

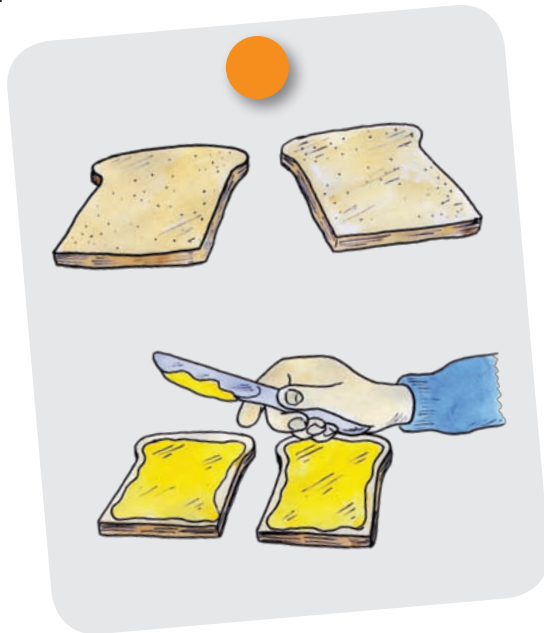
# Picture sequencing

This exercise helps children learn how to tell their stories in the right order.

## Setting up

First, create a set of pictures cards from the *Picture sequencing* sheet.

The cards show the various stages of making a sandwich. The child's task is to put them in the right chronological sequence.



## Getting started

Start by showing the children a part of the sequence and asking them to describe what's on the picture. Next, offer a choice of two pictures and ask: 'Which comes next?'

When they've got the hang of this, make the task a little harder by asking them to order all the cards on their own. Get them to describe how a sandwich is made, using the cards as a guide.

Place special emphasis on words that are to do with ordering and organising, such as first, second, next, last, beginning and so on. This will help at school with organising their writing.

## Variation

You can have great fun making up your own cards with a digital camera. For example, you could take a series of photographs of children getting ready for school in the morning - brushing their teeth, having breakfast, and so on. By playing the sequencing game with these photographs, you'll not only increase storytelling skills but will also familiarise them with the routine.

## Get talking

Use the exercise as an opportunity to chat. If the pictures are about getting dressed, you could chat about the difference between winter and summer clothes, and so on.

You can play an online version of this game at: [www.communicationcookbook.org.uk](http://www.communicationcookbook.org.uk)

## Other ideas for sequences...

- What happens in the morning
- At playtime
- Going to school
- Going to the park
- Going to the cinema
- Getting dressed



'This is a bit like a story.'