

**Read the next part of the story. As you read, ask yourself, “What happens first? What happens next?” Then answer the questions.**

Momentarily, a red light winked over the heads of the waiting men: the signal. A rustle of synthane swished through the silence. Then a great door slid aside in the wall of the glider, and a blast of frigid air whipped through the opening.

“Jump position!” Kerry barked. “Two and two. Remember your instructions.” He talked to fill in the gap before the actual leap into the dark. “We’ll try to land on the flying field in front of the Star Tower. If we miss it, we get there as fast as we can. We join the wedge that blasts its way into the tower, and then we head for the top of the tower, blasting everything before us.”

Kerry’s words came faster. Time was running out. “If I get mine, Glenn takes over. If he goes, Gill is in command. If Gill goes—you know the order. Only get through!”

Again that flash of red! And the first pair of men leaped into the night. On the heels of the first, the second pair—the third—split seconds between jumps, the cords attached to the rod overhead automatically opening the ’chutes. Kerry and Glenn took their place in the line, the last to jump, save the pilot, who would abandon the glider and follow.

With a rush of thin, icy air, Kerry and his partner plummeted toward the Himalayan plateau far below.

1. What happened after the red light flashed the second time?
  - Ⓐ The door of the glider slid open.
  - Ⓑ The men got into jump position.
  - Ⓒ The first pair of men leaped from the glider.
  - Ⓓ Kerry repeated the men’s instructions.
2. Which clue word tells when Kerry and Glenn jumped from the glider?
  - Ⓐ first
  - Ⓑ last
  - Ⓒ before
  - Ⓓ after



### Work with a Partner

- Talk about your answers to the questions.
- Tell why you chose your answers.
- Then talk about what you have learned so far about understanding sequence.