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The type of organization you use depends on the kind of writing you want to do. Strong organization makes your explanation or argument easier to follow, while poor organization can confuse the reader. When you are writing about a process or giving directions, using **chronological order** (the order in which things happen) helps the reader clearly understand each step.

Read this “How-to” text. Use the sequence map below to put the steps in the correct chronological order.

How to Plant a Flower Garden

If there's one hobby I enjoy, it's gardening! To start a flower garden, you'll need a patch of soil, flower seeds, a small shovel, water, and fertilizer. First, choose a sunny area in your yard or a big pot where your flowers can grow well. Clear away any weeds or rocks so the soil is loose. Next, dig small holes in the soil. Place one or two seeds into each hole, and then gently cover them with soil. After planting the seeds, pour water over the soil until it is damp, but not muddy.

Once the seeds are in the ground, sprinkle a little fertilizer to give them nutrients. Keep watering your garden every day so the soil stays moist. Finally, after a few weeks, you'll see sprouts pushing through the soil, and soon your garden will be full of colorful flowers.

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