

Temporal Words and Phrases Mentor Text

Read the text below, noticing any temporal words or phrases that help the reader understand when events are occurring.

One morning, Mia was sitting in her room, quietly drawing, when she felt a slight tremor beneath her feet. At first, she thought it was just her imagination, but then the vibrations grew stronger, rattling her toy blocks off the shelf. Suddenly, the floor beneath her feet buckled violently, and her heart raced with fear as she scrambled to her feet. As the room swayed and the walls groaned, she remembered what her teacher had said about "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Without thinking, she ducked under her bed as the shaking intensified, her small hands clutching the legs of the bed for dear life. Moments later, the tremor finally stopped, leaving a heavy silence in its wake. After a tense pause, Mia peeked out from under the bed, her wide eyes searching the room for signs of danger. At last, when the sounds of distant sirens reached her ears, she slowly emerged, feeling both relieved and unsure of what had just happened.