

Answers for Exercise #2: Outlining a Paragraph

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The following sentences need to be described and re-arranged into a logical paragraph order. For each sentence, on the line furthest to the left, write **TS** for the topic sentence, **SP** for a supporting point, **D** for details, and **C** for the concluding sentence. Then add numbers to show which sentence should be first, which sentence should be second, etc.

- SP 6 The second helpful person was walking past me as I tried to reach some soup on the top shelf.
- SP 2 The first helpful person was a lady who was right in front of me as I was walking up to the front door.
- D 5 She smiled before saying, "You're so welcome. I love making people happy by acting this way."
- C 11 Meeting these two helpful people made me so happy that I now want to help others in similar ways.
- D 7 He stopped pushing his cart forward and asked, "Can I retrieve that soup for you?"
- D 4 As I walked past her and entered the store, I said, "Thanks! You're so wonderful!"
- D 8 I shook my head affirmatively, smiled, and asked, "Would you be able to reach two of them?"
- D 3 She opened the door, held it open, and waved for me to be the first one through the doorway.
- TS 1 At a grocery store, two people were so helpful that I had a very happy shopping experience.
- D 10 With a smile on his face, he waved good-bye while I was saying, "Thank you so much."
- D 9 He took down two cans of soup and put them both into my cart; he then retrieved three more cans for himself.