

## **The Day That Henry Cleaned His Room** KEY

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The following sentences were taken and adapted from *The Day That Henry Cleaned His Room* by Sarah Wilson. Use transition words and other sequencing clues to put these sentences in order. The first and last sections (in bold) are in the right places.

**The day that Henry cleaned his room, reporters came. Henry got up early. "I know I can do it this time," he said. Henry's mother and father cheered. So did his little sister Lou. It had been a year since anyone had seen the inside of Henry's room. "Okay," Henry yelled from his bedroom door, "everybody out!"**

\_\_\_5\_\_\_ The third group out was the raccoon family.

\_\_\_11\_\_\_ As Henry lay awake staring at the ceiling, he heard a squeak and a tapping of toenails and a slithering sound as, one by one, his old friends tiptoed and sneaked back into his room.

\_\_\_4\_\_\_ In their tiny paws they brought out Henry's collections of mismatched socks and rubber bands.

\_\_\_2\_\_\_ It had been so long since Henry cleaned their tank that they had grown long legs and climbed out, preferring air to dirty water.

\_\_\_3\_\_\_ The mice came next.

\_\_\_10\_\_\_ At bedtime, as Henry looked around his clean room, it looked so empty and he was so lonely.

\_\_\_9\_\_\_ The last one out was something long and green and scaly that slithered out from Henry's bed and oozed down the stairs.

\_\_\_8\_\_\_ Henry's father replied, "They are Henry's friends. He's kept them well fed."

\_\_\_6\_\_\_ The mother, father, and three youngsters juggled Henry's collection of stale hamburger buns, cereal boxes, and corncobs.

\_\_\_1\_\_\_ The first ones out were Henry's fish.

\_\_\_7\_\_\_ Henry's mother was shocked when she saw the raccoons. "Who are these creatures," she asked, "and how did they get so big?"

**Everyone curled up in a cozy place to sleep, and Henry happily fell asleep, too.**