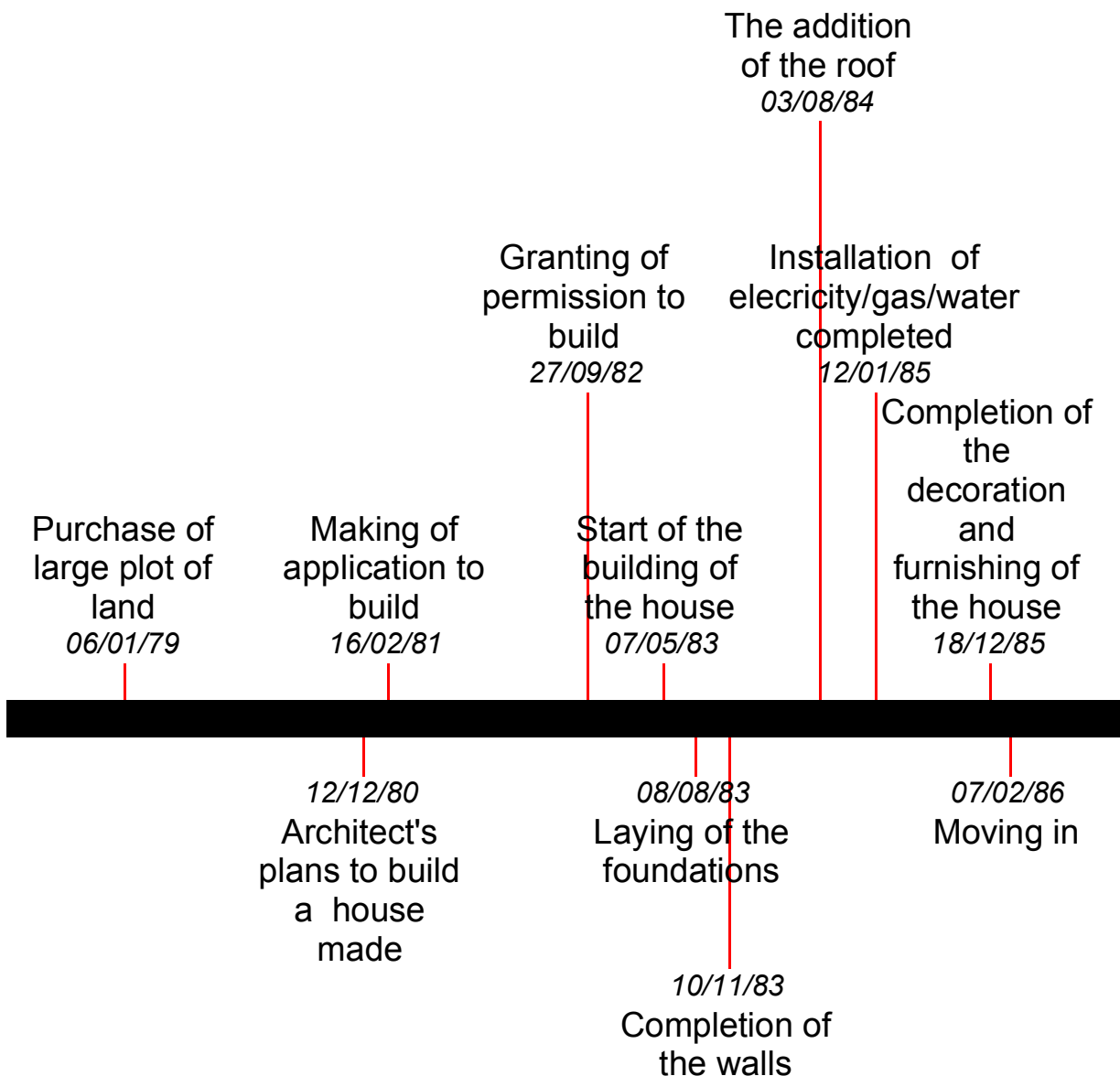


## Describing a sequence of events

Study the timeline below. It shows the sequence of steps that took place when a family bought some land to build a 10 bedroom house.



Now look at the text without verbs below. You can see that the verbs are missing. Put the verbs on the right into the appropriate place in the text. The verbs are in the order that they occur.

The first one has been done for you as an example.

### Text without verbs

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- B. building
- C. were drawn up
- D. were submitted
- E. was given
- F. did not start
- G. were laid
- H. being completed
- I. was put on
- J. being finished
- K. moved
- L. was decorated and furnished
- M. took place

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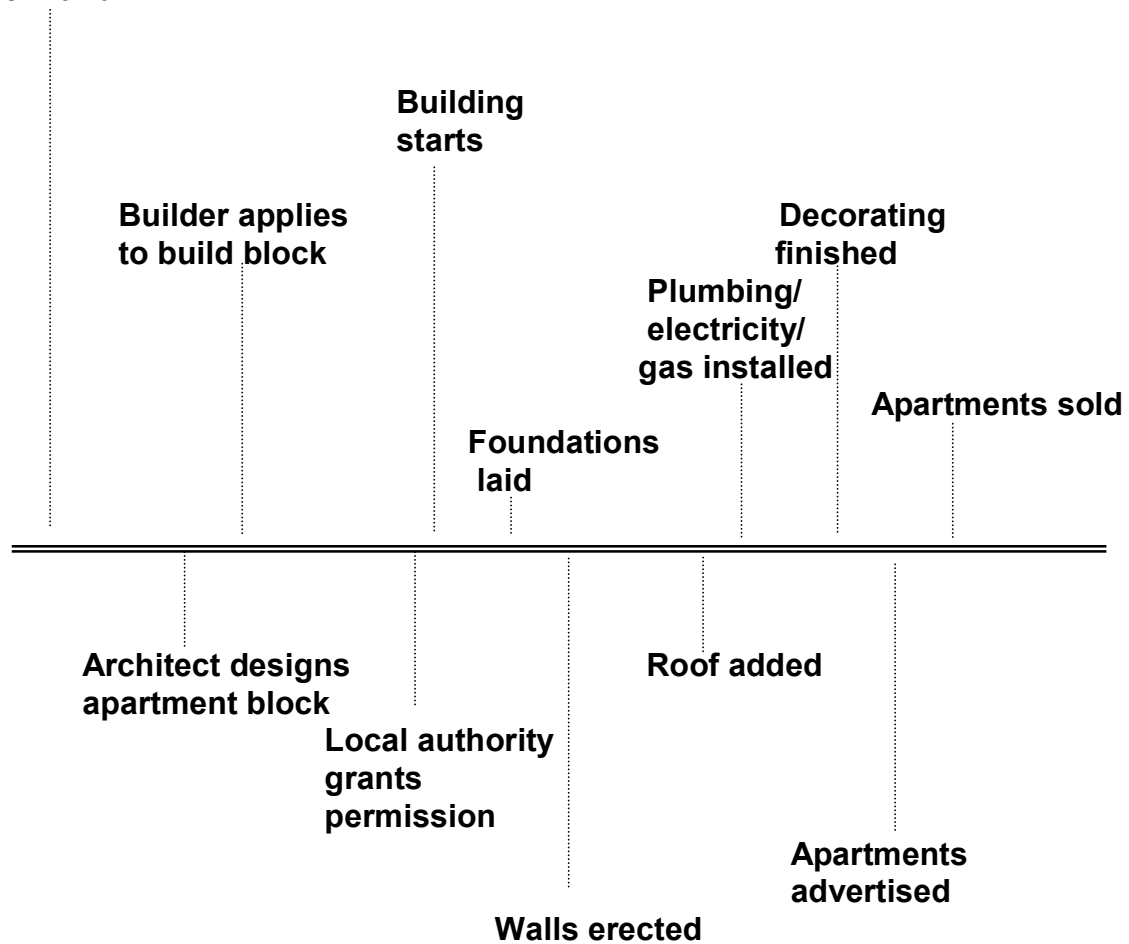
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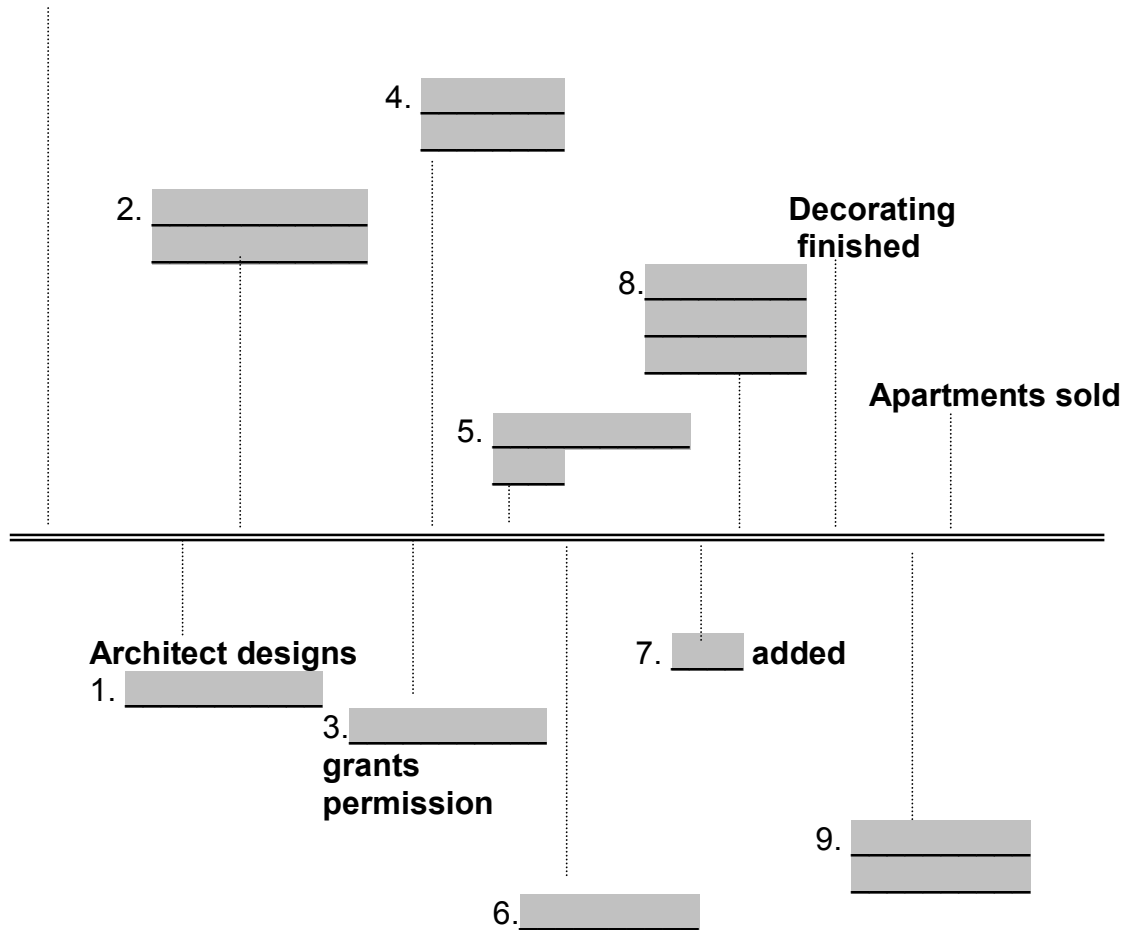
## Partner A

Purchase  
of land



## Partner B

Purchase  
of land



## Bank of connectors

- A. First of all/First/Firstly
- B. After that/Next/Then
- C. To begin/start with
- D. Initially
- E. Secondly etc
- F. Following that/ Following on from that
- G. Finally
- H. The first step is to ...
- I. At the next stage/phase
- J. Before....., ...
- K. After ...., ...
- L. Once ...., ...
- M. When ....., .....