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Please see an example below and refer to page 2 to complete your own staircase:

Top of the Staircase:

Going for a 30 minute morning walk with my dog

Step 5:

Take a few steps outside and, if you feel ok, continue walking

Step 4:

Step outside and lock the door

Step 3:

Put on my shoes and put my dog's leash on

Step 2:

Get changed

Step 1:

Get out of bed when my alarm goes off



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