



Time Sequencers

Time sequencers are used to add order to sentences in English and create more flow. They can be used to tell a story, read a recipe/a list of instructions or describe a process/routine. They can describe two or more events happening at the same time or in sequence.

Type of Time Sequencer	Examples
Starting	First (of all), to begin with, to start, initially, at first, in the beginning, originally, firstly, in the first place, starting with, before all else
Middle	Next, (soon) after (that), then, later (on), following this, until, till, subsequently, after a while
Two events	When, (mean)while, suddenly, as soon as, during, at the same time
Immediate times	Suddenly, immediately, instantly, sooner or later, shortly, this instant, straightaway, all of a sudden, out of the blue
Ending	Finally, in the end, in conclusion, in summary, at the end, lastly, last of all, last but not least, ultimately, overall, eventually
Past times	Previously, prior (to that), earlier, before(hand), after, in the past, formerly, up till now, so far, one day, one evening, one afternoon, no long ago, once
Present times	At the moment, at this point in time, at the time of speaking/writing, currently, at present
Future times	From now on, in future, from this point forward, moving forward