

## TIME SEQUENCERS AND CONNECTORS

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	<b>In this lesson, you will learn about the time sequencers and connectors.</b>
<b>Key Goals</b>	<b>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</b>  <b>1. Time Sequencers</b>  <b>2. Connectors</b>

### 1. Time Sequencers

Time sequencers are words that we use to **organize** our text and speech.

When we're **telling a story** or **giving instructions** it is important to add structure.

➤ To organize a **sequence of events**:

**First**, I went to the kitchen.

**Then**, I made some tea.

**After that**, I joined my friends in the living room.

**Next**, we ate dinner.

**Finally**, they all went back home.

➤ You can also structure an **argument** using the following words:

**First**, I think this movie was too long.

**Secondly**, the characters were not very convincing.

**Thirdly**, there were several historical mistakes.

**Lastly**, I was not sure about the choice of actors.

**Note:** the second list of words is usually used to introduce paragraphs in longer texts

**Exercise:**

**Your friend wants to make a sandwich.**

**Explain them how to do it in a sequence of different steps.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_.

You can also use other words to organize speech:

- For **consecutive actions**:

“I was already ill.” + “I went outside.”

→ I was already ill **before** I went outside.

“I closed the window.” + “The glass broke.”

→The glass broke **when** I closed the window.

- For **simultaneous actions**:

“I will call you.” + “I will have news.”

→ I will call you **as soon as** I have news.

“I still haven’t received my new phone.” + “I will continue using my old one.”

→ I still haven't received my new phone. **Meanwhile**, I will continue using my old one.

"I went outside." + "It started snowing."

→ I was taking a walk **when** I bumped into her.

## 2. Connectors

Connectors are words used to link different parts of a sentence. We can classify them by the type of connection they express:

- **Cause and Consequence:**

<b>Therefore</b>	She's a doctor. <b>Therefore</b> , she is probably very smart.
<b>Since</b>	<b>Since</b> it was snowing, I stayed at home.
<b>Because</b>	I got angry <b>because</b> she lied to me about her age.
<b>Thus</b>	He made a big mistake. <b>Thus</b> , he was asked to resign.
<b>As a result</b>	She forgot to buy Christmas gifts. <b>As a result</b> , everyone ignored her for the rest of the night.
<b>So</b>	It started raining <b>so</b> I took my umbrella.

- **Contrast:**

<b>But</b>	I don't usually like vegetables, <b>but</b> this salad is delicious.
<b>Although</b>	<b>Although</b> he was tired, he didn't manage to fall asleep.
<b>However</b>	She runs the best bakery in town. <b>However</b> , she is very rude.
<b>Nevertheless</b>	I broke my leg yesterday. <b>Nevertheless</b> , I went to work today.

<b>Nonetheless</b>	She can't keep a secret. <b>Nonetheless</b> , I'll give her the benefit of the doubt this time.
<b>Yet</b>	He's always lying to her. <b>Yet</b> , she keeps on forgiving him.
<b>On the other hand</b>	A camping trip would cheer you up. <b>On the other hand</b> , I don't want you to catch a cold.
<b>Instead</b>	I didn't want to taste the pie. <b>Instead</b> , I gave my plate to the dog.

- **Addition:**

<b>Moreover</b>	Smoking is dangerous. <b>Moreover</b> , it is illegal before you turn 18.
<b>In addition</b>	<b>In addition</b> to bringing me a gift, she also cooked dinner for us.
<b>And</b>	Mary is very clever, <b>and</b> she loves to solve riddles.
<b>Also</b>	I heard you send emails without proofreading. I <b>also</b> like to live dangerously.
<b>Furthermore</b>	He was hungry and tired. <b>Furthermore</b> , he was feeling feverish.
<b>As well as</b>	I signed up for the Spanish class as well as for the English class.

- **Emphasis:**

<b>In particular</b>	I am not looking for anyone <b>in particular</b> .
<b>Especially</b>	I'm not a fan of skiing, <b>especially</b> since I broke my leg last year.
<b>Above all</b>	I like movies but, <b>above all</b> , I like science-fiction!
<b>Significantly</b>	The number of tourists in Rome increased <b>significantly</b> this year.

- **Comparison:**

<b>Like</b>	My son wants to be <b>like</b> his father when he grows up.
<b>Similarly</b>	These cities are all <b>similarly</b> located on the seaside.
<b>Equally</b>	Both cars look <b>equally</b> safe to me.
<b>Likewise</b>	Pleasure to meet you. - <b>Likewise</b> .

- **Conclusion:**

<b>In conclusion</b>	<b>In conclusion</b> , I would like to thank all the participants for coming to this meeting.
<b>To conclude</b>	<b>To conclude</b> , I think there should be more eco-friendly initiatives in the world.
<b>Finally</b>	<b>Finally</b> , I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few years.
<b>To sum up</b>	<b>To sum up</b> , this project is about teaching English with a chatbot.

- **Illustration:**

<b>Such as</b>	I enjoy board games such as Monopoly.
<b>For instance</b>	My siblings are pigs! My brother, <b>for instance</b> , never cleans his room.
<b>For example</b>	I'm very fond of video games. <b>For example</b> , I love playing Assassin's Creed.
<b>In other words</b>	She said the book's characters were boring. <b>In other words</b> , she hated it.

**Exercise:**

**Use the correct connector to link the following sentences together.**

1. I was tired, \_\_\_\_\_ I drank coffee. (Consequence)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I was sick, I went to school. (Contrast)
3. I like discovering new hobbies \_\_\_\_\_ sailing. (Illustration)
4. My brother didn't do his homework \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't understand the exercise. (Cause)

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