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## English - "And then what?" - Word Sequence

Sequencing means putting things or events in the correct order. In English, we have a number of words that help us to do this. But is sequencing important? Let's find out. Read the paragraph below (the sequence words are in bold print).

I woke up **when** the sun was shining. **First**, I had breakfast, **and then** I decided to go to the beach. **Before** I went to the beach, I met my friends at the ice-cream shop. We had ice cream, **and then** we spent the morning swimming. **Afterwards**, we fetched our bikes and went for a ride and **later** we all had hot dogs at my house. **Finally**, everyone left and I was so tired I went to bed.

Now read the next paragraph.

I woke up when we spent the morning swimming. First, we had ice cream then everyone left and I was so tired I went to bed. Before the sun was shining I decided to go to the beach, then we all had hot dogs at my house. Afterwards, I met my friends at the ice cream shop and later I had breakfast. Finally, we fetched our bikes and went for a ride.

What is wrong with it? The second paragraph has the same sentences and sequence words (can you find them all?) but they are in the wrong order and so the story doesn't make sense. Here is another short story for you to read:

Tommy was building himself a snow fort when he saw the two dogs. First, the big black dog from next door came towards him, next a large, shaggy brown dog came running across the road. Tommy was afraid of dogs, but before he could go inside the dogs were right at the fort. He hid inside the fort. Then he started making snowballs for ammunition. Finally, he thought he had enough and he peeped over the walls of the fort. When they saw him, both dogs started wagging their tails. After he got back home, Tommy told his mom, "I'm not afraid of dogs anymore, they only wanted to play!"

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### A. Find the words.

When you have finished reading Tommy's story, go back and draw a circle around each of the sequence words. How many did you find?

### B. Sort the sentences

Use the sequence words in brackets to put the sentences in order.

I cleaned my teeth. I got up. (after)

I went to school. I packed my bag. (before)

We drove to the airport. It was still dark. (while)

I did my homework. I played outside. (first, then)

I had dinner. I watched TV. I went to bed. (after, then)

### C. Now write your own story

Use as many sequence words as you can in your story. Here is a list of the most common ones to help you:

First, next, then, after, finally, before, when, following, afterwards, later, while, during.

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### Activity A

When, first, next, before, then, finally, when, after.

### Activity B

I cleaned my teeth after I got up OR After I got up I cleaned my teeth.

Before I went to school I packed my bag OR I packed my bag before I went to school.

We drove to the airport while it was still dark OR While it was still dark we drove to the airport.

First, I did my homework, then I played outside OR First, I played outside, then I did my homework.

After I had dinner, I watched TV and then I went to bed OR I watched TV after I had dinner and then I went to bed.

### Activity C

Any appropriate use of sequence words in the correct context.