

CHRONOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS AND THEIR USAGE

EXPRESSIONS	GRAMMAR NOTES:	EXAMPLES:
Ordinal Numbers First, second, third, etc.	Used as adjectives Used as adverbs	The first problem... Next , we must make a plan... Secondly/Second , add the eggs...
Prepositions	Used in adverb phrases	At first , I thought... ...before the show... In the beginning , I thought...
Sentence connectors	Used between independent clauses. Note punctuation as shown in examples: ; before, , after	We worked hard all day; afterwards , my boss drove me home.
Subordinate conjunctions	Used as adverbs, to introduce subordinate clauses. If the subordinate conjunction is the first word in the sentence, there is a comma after the subordinate clause. Often used with continuous tenses.	Since I've been away, I've missed my family a lot. While you were playing golf, I finished my book. When I finished my homework, I read a novel.
Adjectives	May name events or steps in a process.	The initial preparation for the operation takes place here. The next part, however, is done at the clinic. The final part of the procedure will be completed later.
Adverbs	Adverbs may come at the beginning or the end of a sentence, or they may come either before or after a verb, or even between auxiliary and verb. Different adverbs have different placements; some of these are flexible, some are not.	When Helen Keller was young, an illness took her sight and hearing. Initially , Helen was angry and frustrated, and her parents found it hard to communicate with her. When Anne Sullivan first met Helen, she took her hand and placed it under running water. Then she began to tap on the hand, spelling out the letters for the word water. Helen understood, and her parents were relieved to see that they had found a good teacher for Helen at last. Later Helen in her life, Helen became a famous writer and speaker, and an inspiration to others.
Verbs	Verbs may indicate time.	We began by giving an anecdote as an introduction. Then we moved on to the body of the presentation. We ended with a brief summary of our main points.