

SENTENCE CONNECTORS

Here are the sentence connectors used to indicate the stages or steps in a sequence. A description of a process would generally have some of these. Sometimes, the sequence is obvious from the order of sentences, but these sentence connectors help to clarify the sequence. **Note the comma following them.** They may also come later in the sentence, after subject or auxiliary verb or, less commonly, after the sentence if it is short.

Describing a process - sequence	
Firstly,	The first step is
First of all,	The first stage is
To begin with,	... begins with
Initially	... commences with
Beforehand,	Before this,
Previously,	Prior to this,
Earlier,	
At the same time,	During
Simultaneously,	When this happens
	While
Secondly, Thirdly etc	After this,
Next,	The next step is
Then,	In the next stage,
Subsequently,	In the following stage,
Later,	Following this,
	As soon as the committee has finished its work, ...
Eventually,	... until ...
Lastly	... finishes with ...
Finally,	concludes with
In the last stage,	The last step is ...