

Task 1.

I wanted to bake a surprise chocolate cake for my mum's birthday. ¹**First / Suddenly**, I checked the kitchen cabinets to see if we had all the ingredients. I realized we were out of eggs, so ²**finally / then** I ran to the local supermarket to buy them.

³**Next / First**, I mixed the flour, sugar, and cocoa powder in a big bowl. I was putting the cake into the oven when ⁴**finally / suddenly** I heard a loud noise from the garage. It was my mum! She came home much earlier than usual! I had to turn off the kitchen lights and hide the mixing bowls quickly.

She only stayed for five minutes to grab her umbrella, and ⁵**next / then** she left again. I continued baking the cake ⁶**later / next**, after she went back to work.

When the cake was ready, I started decorating it with strawberries. ⁷**Suddenly / Next**, I put twelve candles on top. I was just finishing the last detail when ⁸**finally / suddenly** the doorbell rang. This time, all our relatives had arrived for the party!

⁹**Finally / First**, my mum walked in, and we all shouted "Surprise!". We cut the cake ¹⁰**next / later** that evening, and everyone said it was delicious!

Task 2.

finally / first / later / next / suddenly / then

Hi Emma,

You missed a really crazy science trip today!

¹ _____, we all met outside the school at 8 o'clock. The bus arrived a bit late, but ² _____ we were finally on our way to the Science Museum. ³ _____ during the journey, our teacher, Mrs Davis, gave us worksheets to fill out. ⁴ _____, the bus engine made a loud strange noise and completely stopped on the highway! We had to wait by the side of the road for nearly an hour. ⁵ _____, a replacement bus arrived and picked us up.

⁶ _____, when we reached the museum, we went straight to the interactive lab. We started doing some chemistry experiments, and ⁷ _____ we moved to the robotics zone. ⁸ _____, we had a short break for lunch in the museum café. We wanted to visit the space exhibition after that, but ⁹ _____ the loud emergency alarm started ringing, and everyone had to run outside! ¹⁰ _____, the teachers decided it was time to go back home. We didn't finish our group work, so we will probably do it ¹¹ _____ this week.

Hope you can join us next time!

Best,
Chloe