

Read the following short texts and fill the gaps with linking words from the list.

**As soon as, at last, immediately, meanwhile, then, when, while.**

The aeroplane had only been in the air for about twenty minutes 1)..... suddenly it began to dive towards the ground. 2) ..... the passengers began to panic. 3)..... the flight attendants realised what was happening, they did their best to calm everyone down, 4)..... the plane continued to lose altitude. 5)....., in the cockpit, the pilot was struggling to control the plane. 6)..... it righted itself and he sighed with relief. The flight 7)..... continued without any further problems.

**After, before, finally since, then, when.**

There had never been a storm like it 1)..... -at least not 2)..... the great flood in 1962. Kevin was trying to steer his car through the pouring rain 3)..... all of a sudden his car stopped. The engine continued to run for a few seconds, 4)..... coughed twice and fell silent.

Reluctantly, Kevin got out of his car and watched it sink slowly into the mud at the side of the road. 5)..... staring at his useless car for a few minutes, he, 6)..... stuck his hands into his pockets, bent his head and began the long walk home.