Connecting words

One of the most important ways to link ideas is to sequence them. Sequencing refers to the order in which events happened. Sequencing is often made easier using transition words. Following are some of the most common words and expressions used to sequence when writing or speaking.

Beginning your story	Continuing the story	Interruptions and Adding New Elements to the Story	Ending the Story
First of all,	Then,	Suddenly,	Finally,
To start off with,	After that,	Unexpectedly,	In the end,
Initially,	Next,		Eventually,
To begin with,	As soon as / When + full clause,		
	...but then		
	Immediately,		

Instructions: Provide an appropriate sequencing word to fill in the blanks. Choose from the options in the table above. More than one answer could be correct in some cases.

My friend and I visited Rome last summer. (1) _____ we flew from New York to Rome in first class. It was fantastic! (2) _____ we arrived in Rome, we (3) _____ went to the hotel and took a long nap. (4) _____, we went out to find a great restaurant for dinner. (5) _____, a scooter appeared out of nowhere and almost hit me! The rest of the trip had no surprises. (6) _____, we began to explore Rome. (7) _____ the afternoons, we visited ruins and museums. At night, we hit the clubs and wandered the streets. One night, (8) _____ I was getting some ice cream, I saw an old friend from high school. Imagine that! (9) _____, we caught our flight back to New York. We were happy and ready to begin work again.

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