



Time/Sequence Connectors



Time/sequence connectors show the **order** of events or actions in a story.

Examples from the story:



She watched him **as** he did his homework.



It was raining **when** we arrived.



He washed his car **while** listening to his Discman.



Drink a glass of milk **before** you go to bed.



Ali has not eaten his lunch **since** he came back from school.



Firstly, brush your teeth.
Next, wash your face.
Then wipe your face dry.

Common Time/Sequence Connectors

as

when

while

before

since

after

firstly

next

then

finally

after that

and

Remember!

- ★ Use time/sequence connectors to show the order of actions.
- ★ They help the reader understand what happens first, next and last.
- ★ They are called **Connectors** which show **time**.



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TIME/SEQUENCE CONNECTORS

Read the sentences below.



She watched him as he did his homework.



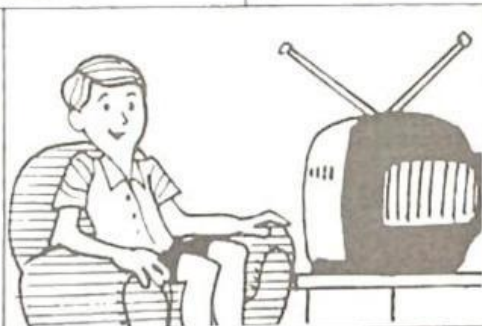
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Can you name the words which show two or more actions going on at the same time?

They are '**as**', '**when**', '**while**', '**before**' and '**since**'.

They are called **Connectors** which show **time**.

Read the sentences below.



Firstly, brush your teeth.



Next, wash your face.



Then wipe your face dry.

Can you name the words which show actions that happen one after another?

They are '**firstly**', '**next**' and '**then**'.

They are called **Connectors** which show **sequence**.

TIME CONNECTORS

Select the right word.

1. He fell over a rock (as , since) he was running.
2. (When , As) Penny woke up, the phone was ringing.
3. Did you wash your hands (while , before) you had your meal?
4. How long has it been (when , since) we last went to the cinema?
5. (While , When) he saw me, he waved.
6. (Before , While) Mother was cooking, Gabriel was having a nap.

SEQUENCE CONNECTORS

Fill in the blanks with 'firstly', 'next' or 'then'.

1. I shall bathe first and _____ do my homework.
2. After Germany, where are you going _____?
3. Mrs Guo is going to vacuum the floor and _____ she is going to mop it.
4. _____, I am going to clean the fish tank before feeding the fish.
5. After completing your homework, what are you going to do _____?
6. _____, Mr Rozario is going to wash the car before polishing it.