

Linking ideas with adverbials

Practise using adverbials to link sentences



i Adverbs provide extra information about a verb. They can also be used to help the structure of paragraphs, improving flow and linking ideas across sentences (sometimes called 'cohesion'). In particular, adverbs of time (e.g. *next*), place (e.g. *nearby*) and number (e.g. *first*) can be used to link to another sentence (either preceding or following), e.g. '*First*, find a safe place to cross. *Then*, look both ways.' You will often see this in instructions and reports, but it is useful in any genre of writing. Where more than one word is used, this is called an **adverbial phrase** or **adverbial clause**, e.g. 'Please eat your dinner. *After you have finished*, you can watch T.V.'

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Underline the linking adverbials:

The weather was grim today. Tomorrow, it should be better.

We are eating lunch now. I will give you a hand afterwards.

Put your coat on the hook. After that, find a seat and sit down.

There is some ham for your roll. Alternatively, you could have cheese.

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Add adverbials to link these three sentences:

....., find a safe place to cross the road and stop.

....., look and listen for traffic. If you see any, let it pass.

....., walk straight across the road, looking and listening.

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Add an adverbial to link the sentences:

I put the oven on., I gathered the cake ingredients.

Write some instructions for planting seeds using adverbials of time to link each one, e.g. *First...* *Then...* *Finally...* (Don't forget the comma after the adverb.)

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