

Sequencing

Hey guys, let's talk about sequencing
Sometimes when you read something
or write something, there's a series of steps
involved
And those steps go in a certain order
That order is called a sequence
Sequences often occur in stories
or when giving instructions on how to do
something
For example, if I were to give you instructions
on how to make a
peanut butter and jelly sandwich, I would say...

First, you go to the pantry and you get two
slices of bread
Next, you get some peanut butter and you
spread it on one of them
Then, you take the jelly and you put it on the
other one
Last, you put the slices together and your
sandwich is done

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So those are sequencing words, and they can
help emphasize the order of events
"First" you do this, "next" you do that, "after
that" you do this, etc.
You'll want to use words like these if you're
giving step by step instructions,
but also if you're writing a story with a timeline
of events.
Listen to how I use sequencing words to tell
you the story of my morning routine...

First, I hear my alarm clock, and I wake up from
a deep sleep

Next, I go to the bathroom, and I proceed to
brush my teeth
Then, I eat breakfast, until I can't eat any
more
Last, I get dressed and I comb my hair as I'm
walking out the door

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So here's a question:
Do I eat breakfast before or after I brush my
teeth?
Let's go back and look at the story.
Let's read the part about brushing my teeth,
and the part about eating breakfast, and use
our sequencing words to determine the order
in which these things occur.
"Next [in this case meaning after waking up], I
go to the bathroom and brush my teeth. Then,
I eat breakfast..."
Our sequencing word "then" is telling us that I
eat breakfast AFTER I brush my teeth. Or in
other words, "I brush my teeth, THEN I eat
breakfast."
Which is what dentists recommend, even if
your Corn Flakes sometimes taste like
toothpaste.

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