

Focus

When we write or speak, we use many words that indicate the **passing of time** or the **order in which to do things**.

Turn left at the **first** turning.
Go straight on **until** you see
some traffic lights. **Then** take
the **next** right turn.



Check it out

Copy the sentences below. Underline the **time** word in each.

1. First, fill a kettle with water.
2. Then turn the kettle on.
3. While the water is boiling, put some teabags in the teapot.
4. When the water has boiled, pour it into the teapot.
5. Next, pour some milk into a cup.
6. After this, pour some tea into your teacup.
7. Finally, stir your tea with a spoon and drink it.



Practice

1. Copy this story of the *Hare and Tortoise*.
Underline any **time** words or phrases you find.

One morning, Hare challenged Tortoise to a race. At the beginning, Hare set off like a rocket. Soon Tortoise was left far behind. After a while, Hare was so far ahead he decided to have a nap. Meanwhile, Tortoise kept plodding on. While he was asleep, Tortoise passed Hare. Soon Hare woke up. Then he yawned and stood up. As he did so, he saw Hare near the finishing line. He ran as fast as he could, but the next thing he saw was Tortoise winning the race.

Challenger

Choose one of the following tasks and write a set of instructions.
Use as many **time** words and phrases as possible from the box.

1. Making beans on toast.
2. Getting undressed and having a bath.
3. Directions for getting home from school.

In the beginning	from the outset	at the end	lastly
in conclusion	after	after that	afterwards
next	then	following this	before
in between	during	meanwhile	until
since	when	from	finally
first	firstly	secondly (etc.)	

So – what have you learned about time words?