

Time Order Words List

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before

earlier
formerly
in the past
not long ago
once
preceding
previously
prior to
up until that time
yesterday

first

at first	embark
at the beginning	from this point
at the onset	in the first place
before	starting with
commence	to begin

next

after	not long after
after a few days	presently
after a while	right after
after that	second, third
as soon as	shortly
consequently	since
following	soon
henceforth	soon after
in time	then
in turn	tomorrow
later	when
momentarily	

last

after a long time	finally	thereafter
afterward	hereafter	to conclude
at last	in conclusion	to finish
at the end	in the end	ultimately
eventually	last of all	until
final	later on	

suddenly

abruptly
all at once
at this moment
immediately
in an instant
instantly
instantaneously
just then
right away

now

at the present time	recently
by now	sooner or later
currently	straightaway
directly	this instant
during	today
meanwhile	until now
of late	while
promptly	without delay

always

all of the time	frequently
all the while	generally
as long as	often
continually	repeatedly
every time	usually

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Hints for Using the List

- Use the bolded words as a guide to find more specific words.
- Have students add to the list as they use other time order words in their writing or find them in their reading.
- Have students categorize the lists. Break the words down to smaller, more specific lists or rank from least to most extreme.
- Provide students a copy for a reference, keep laminated copies in your writing centers, or display.

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