

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

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

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 |

sometimes

at times
from time to time
gradually
occasionally
periodically
rarely
seldom
some of the time

next

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| after a few days | presently |
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| after that | second, third |
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| all the while | generally |
| as long as | often |
| continually | repeatedly |
| every time | usually |

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at no time
nevermore
not at all
not in any way
not under any condition

last

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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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