

Activity Type

Reading and writing exercises

Focus

Sequence words

Transition words that show order

Aim

To learn and practice transition words that show order.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This sequence words worksheet helps students learn and practice transition words that show order.

Procedure

Students begin by putting instructions for making ice cream in the correct order 1 to 5. The students then underline the sequence words in each step.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. First
2. Next
3. Once (it has been chilled)
4. When (the ice cream is like soft serve ice cream)
5. Finally

Next, students sort the sequencing words into categories.

Exercise B - Answer key

Start: First, Firstly

Next step: Second, Secondly, Third, Thirdly, Then, Next, After that

Conditions: Once, When

End: Finally, Last, Lastly

Students then rearrange words in brackets to form 'once' and 'when' clauses.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. When the cookies are golden brown,
2. Once the glue has dried,
3. Once you have scanned all the items,
4. When the vacuum is finished,

Next, students complete instructions with sequencing words from the worksheet.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. First
2. Second, Secondly, Then, Next, After that
3. Third, Thirdly, Then, Next, After that
4. When, Once it, the plant, the shoot, etc.
5. When, Once it, the plant, the shoot, etc.
6. Finally, Last, Lastly

In the last exercise, students write instructions for a procedure of their choice, using the sequencing words provided. When the students have finished, have them read their instructions to the class and provide feedback.

A. Read the instructions for making ice cream. Number the steps 1 to 5 and underline the words that show the order.

..... Next, put the mixture in a freezer-safe container and chill it in the freezer for about an hour.

..... Finally, cover the ice cream and freeze it overnight.

..... First, mix cream, sugar, and your flavours in a bowl.

..... When the ice cream is like soft serve ice cream, stir in your mix-ins. (Soft serve ice cream is the kind of ice cream you get at fast food restaurants.)

..... Once it has been chilled, stir the ice cream by hand or with a mixer and put it back in the freezer. Repeat this step every 30 minutes for 2-3 hours.



B. Sort the sequence words into groups.

Then Once Second(ly) Finally Next Third(ly) After that Last(ly) When First(ly)

| Start | Next step | Conditions | End |
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C. 'Once' and 'when' introduce clauses. That means they need to be followed by a subject and a verb. Reorder the words in brackets to form 'Once' and 'When' clauses.

1. Bake the cookies at 180 degrees Celsius for about 12 minutes. (are / the / golden brown when / cookies), remove them from the oven and let them cool for one hour.

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2. Glue the two pieces together. (has dried / once / glue / the), you can begin to paint.

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3. Scan it and put it in the bag. (once / all the items / have scanned / you), you can pay.

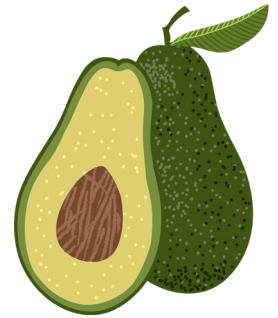
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4. To start your robotic vacuum cleaner, push the 'Clean' button. (is / the / finished / vacuum / when), it will return home.

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D. Complete the instructions with sequencing words from the worksheet.

1., remove the seed from a ripe avocado fruit and clean it off.
2., insert three toothpicks into the narrow top half of the seed and place it on top of a glass of room-temperature water. The bottom two to three centimeters of the avocado should be in the water, but the top should be dry.
3., place the seed in a sunny place (but out of direct sunlight). Change the water every day until the plant develops root and a shoot, which will take two to eight weeks.
4. is 17 to 18 centimeters tall, trim it back to seven centimeters.
5. has grown leaves on top again, plant your avocado in a 15 centimeter pot with sandy potting soil.
6., water your avocado tree generously. Let the soil dry completely before watering again.



E. Write your own instructions for any procedure you like, using the sequence words provided.

1. First,
2. Next,
3. After that,
4. When
5. Once
6. Finally,