



SIGNAL WORDS

Video: Ready for Take Off *Sequence Nonfiction Text Structure* (*timeline*)



This is a list of some commonly used words authors use to signal Sequence Nonfiction Text Structure. It is the structure that authors use when they want to put events in order, such as describing a life cycle, telling about something in chronological order, or providing a set of steps or directions.

When you begin looking for these words as you read, you will notice they signal sequence, or order, of key concepts or ideas that the author is writing about.

You may want to consider using these words in your own writing or speaking when you want to put events in order.

Sequence			
additionally	first	second	Also:
after	following	shortly after	days of the week
afterwards	in the future	simultaneously	letters of the alphabet (A, B, C...)
another	initially	since	months
at that moment	last	soon	numbers
at the beginning	later	then	time
at the end	long ago	third	years
before	next	today	
during	now	until	
earlier	o'clock	when	
eventually	preceding	while	
finally	prior to	yesterday	