

Grammar L2GLO9

Discourse Markers

Learning Outcome 9: Discourse markers: sequential (*first, then, next, after that, finally*); illustrative (*such as, like*)

NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. First, the students found it difficult to read the long texts in English, but then it became easier.
2. Math is useful for lots of jobs, such as jobs in banking, finance and IT.
3. Finally, you will write a short story. Then the lesson will be over.
4. Next, you click on all the things you want. After that, you click on “Buy”.
5. There are lots of things here that you could buy your friend, like paper, pens, pencils and paints.

Which underlined word(s) ...

- a. come before examples of something? _____ , _____
- b. tell you that something happens at the start? _____
- c. tell you that something happens last? _____
- d. tell you the next thing in a process? _____ , _____ , _____

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There are some words you use to show the order that things happen in. For example, the different things you need to do to make a meal. You use different words for different steps in this order:

- *First* is for the first step.
- *After that, next* and *then* are for other steps that come after the first step.
- *Finally* is for the last step.

These words go at the start of a sentence and use a comma after them.

There are other words and phrases you use to give examples of something: *such as* (more formal) and *like* (more informal). You use a comma before *such as* and *like*.

