



**Signal words tell readers what is about to happen next.**

Some signal words tell readers about the sequence; others tell about a similarity or difference. ESL students often overlook these clues. Make sure you **think aloud** for students to model how these words can be used.

Sequence Words	Restatement, or Synonym, Words	Contrast, or Antonym, Words
after afterward ahead of all through as before beforehand during earlier than first, second, third... finally later now prior to sooner than subsequently then throughout while	also as well as by the same token correspondingly equally equally so especially for example in that in the same way just as likewise similarly such as these too	alternatively although apart from but by contrast contrary to that conversely despite even though however in contrast in spite of this nevertheless nonetheless notwithstanding on the other hand regardless some ... but others still then again yet

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