

## Sequence Text Pattern

Let's say you want to tell your friends about your recent trip to the Bahamas. What do you want to tell them about first? The plane ride? Packing for the trip? The resort? That freaky dude on the beach who was selling driftwood sculptures of Elvis?

The order in which you decide to tell a story or give instructions is known as a Sequence Text Pattern. Some other examples where you see this text pattern would be in recipes, science experiments, and instructions.

There are two general ways to use Sequence Text Pattern:

1. Events are written about in order of time (first, then, next, etc.).
2. Events are written about in order of importance.

The way you choose between the two depends on your topic and purpose.

When a Sequence Pattern is recognized in a piece of writing, it will be easier to understand the purpose and how the ideas are connected.

You can recognize a Sequence Text Pattern by the following characteristics:

- ☑ There is an order to how things are listed and the order is important
- ☑ Events or instructions may be in numbered or alphabetic steps
- ☑ Lists (bullets) may sometimes be used
- ☑ Keywords that can be used include first, soon, initially, now, before, gradually, meanwhile, later, next, today, once or soon after.

**TASK 1:** Develop a set of instructions for washing hands. How many steps would you include? What major steps should you include?



**TASK 2:** Describe in proper sequence the process which is taking place above.