

1.1 Linking Phrases 1

Narrative - Joe's Trip to York

In groups, try to put the story back into the correct order. Read the sentences aloud until all agree on the correct order. Pay particular attention to the words at the beginning of the sentences.

- 1 This story all began one weekend when Joe visited York. He had passed his driving test only a few weeks before and had just bought a second-hand Ford.
- 2 But, after a while, he managed to find a space in a side street just outside the centre.
- 3 In spite of his nervousness about driving, he was determined to go on a long trip.
- 4 After searching the next two streets he found the car and, of course, felt very relieved but rather foolish.
- 5 In fact, everything went much better than he had expected, and a few hours later he was approaching the outskirts of York.
- 6 Next, he set off to look round the cathedral and all the other historic buildings.
- 7 To begin with, he thought it had been stolen and immediately set off to call the police but then he noticed that the adjoining streets looked very similar.
- 8 Even though it was late September, York was packed with tourists and, as a result, all the central car parks were full.
- 9 Finally, when Joe had got tired of sightseeing, he returned to where he had left his car. To his surprise, it was nowhere to be seen.
- 10 Fortunately, the traffic was not too heavy and and, even better, the weather was perfect. Soon he was nearing the city centre.

1.3 Linking Phrases 1

Follow-up

Exercise 1

Match each linking phrase with another of similar meaning in the same set:

Set 1		Set 2	
1. a few weeks before	a. actually	9. as a result	i. some time later
2. in spite of	b. luckily	10. after a while	j. at first
3. in fact	c. it was not long before	11. next	k. after she had searched
4. a couple of hours later	d. although	12. finally	l. at once
5. fortunately	e. a few weeks previously	13. to begin with	m. consequently
6. even better	f. after an hour or so	14. immediately	n. eventually
7. soon	g. better still	15. after searching	o. naturally
8. even though	h. despite	16. of course	p. then

Exercise 2

Now complete the following story using the linking phrases above:

This story all began when John started his new office job. He had only left school 1. and was still very unsure of himself. But, 2. his inexperience, he was anxious to make a success of his new job.

3., everything went much better than he had expected and 4. he was gaining confidence. 5., his colleagues were all very helpful and, 6., the pay was excellent for a school-leaver. 7. he was being given some responsibility.

One morning his boss asked him to do some photocopying and send off a few faxes.

8. it was only 7.45am, the photocopying room was very busy and 9. there was a long queue for the copier. 10. John got tired of waiting, so he decided he should send off the faxes and 11. do the copying.

12., when John had sent off all the faxes, he returned to the copier room and started copying. To his surprise, the copier stopped working. 13., he thought the machine had broken down and he 14. set off to find the technician but she wasn't around. 15. through the copier manual he located the problem – it had run out of paper. John 16. felt very relieved but rather foolish.