

Telling Stories: Sequencing

Storytelling is a vital aspect of language learning, and sequencing expressions are crucial to effectively convey the progression of events in a story. Here's a breakdown of sequencing expressions divided into categories corresponding to different elements of a story:

Introduction:

- To begin with / First of all
- Once upon a time (for fairytales and stories for children)
- In the beginning
- At the start

Setting the Scene:

- In a faraway land (for fairytales and stories for children)
- In a small village
- On a sunny day
- Amidst the bustling city

Introducing Characters:

- There was a...
- He / She was a...
- Meet our main character...

Describing the Situation:

- Everything seemed calm
- The situation was dire
- The town was abuzz with excitement
- The atmosphere was tense

Event Sequence:

- Next / Then
- After that
- Meanwhile
- While this was happening

Transitioning:

- As the story unfolds
- In the meantime
- Simultaneously
- At this point

Building Suspense:

- Little did they know
- Unbeknownst to them
- All of a sudden
- Out of nowhere

Climax:

- The turning point was when...
- At the height of the action
- This is where things got interesting
- The moment of truth had arrived

Resolution:

- Eventually
- In the end
- Finally
- Ultimately

Closing:

- And so, our story ends
- To conclude
- The moral of the story is...
- And they lived happily ever after (for fairytales and stories for children)