

Using time links

In a story, everything must happen in order. The events should link together. One thing happens. Then something else happens. Then something else, and so on.

But it sounds a bit boring if you keep writing:

Then... Then... Then...

Instead you can use special **linking words** to order and link events.

Once... Soon... Later... Meanwhile...

Time link words and phrases

Linking words and **phrases** can tell your reader when events happened.

Early one morning... The next day... Later that night...

Some linking words and phrases show that a long time has passed.

Eventually... After a long time... Finally... Much later...

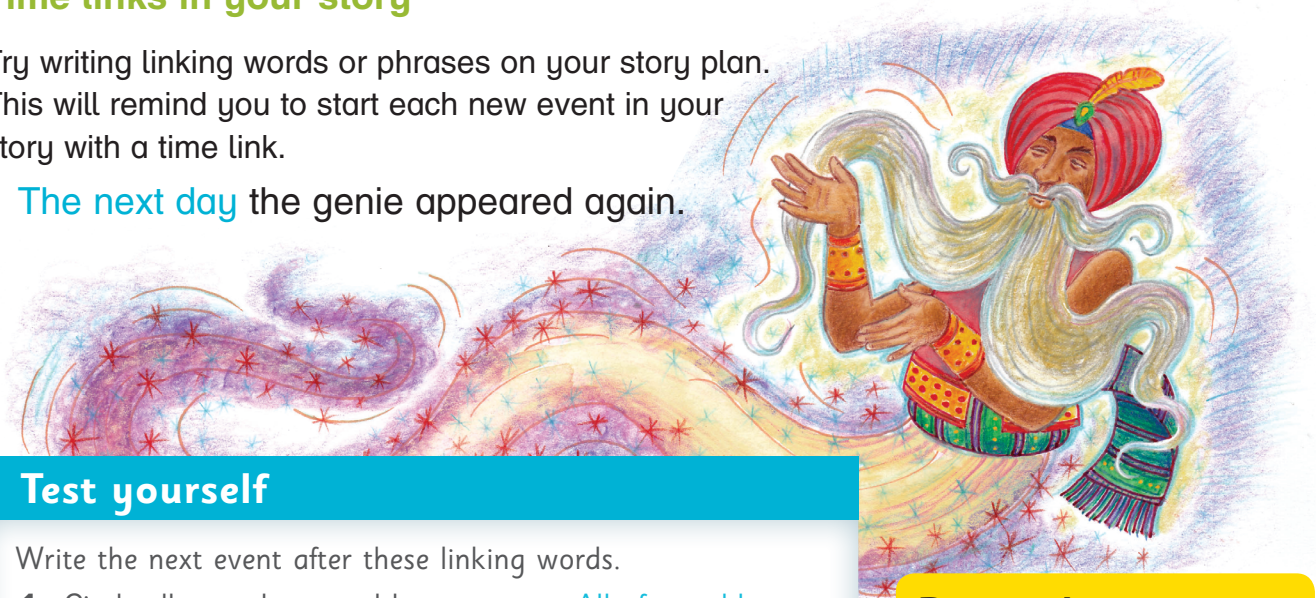
Some linking words and phrases show that something happened quickly. You can use these when there is an exciting or surprising event in your story.

All of a sudden... Just then... Suddenly... At that very moment...

Time links in your story

Try writing linking words or phrases on your story plan. This will remind you to start each new event in your story with a time link.

The next day the genie appeared again.



Test yourself

Write the next event after these linking words.

1. Cinderella sat down and began to cry. **All of a sudden...**
2. Jack climbed and climbed and climbed. **Eventually...**
3. Hansel and Gretel fell fast asleep in the forest. **The next morning...**

Remember

Use time link words and phrases to link together the events in your story.