

STARTER UNIT 5

linkers: sequencing

speakout WRITING TIP

We use linkers to connect our ideas and make our writing become clearer. Some linkers describe the order of events.

We use *first* at the beginning of a description.

I usually get up at 7 o'clock. First, I have a cup of tea.

We use *then* and *after that* to describe what happens next.

After that, I make some toast.

We use *finally* at the end of a description or story.

Finally, I go to work at 8 o'clock.

We use a comma after *first*, *after that* and *finally*, but NOT after *then*.

First, I drive to work. After that, I have a coffee. Then I turn on my computer. Finally, I start working.

1 Read the text below by James McNab. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

A typical Saturday, by James McNab

On Saturday morning, I get up at 9 o'clock. First, I have a cup of coffee. I don't have a big breakfast.

After that, I often go to the gym or the swimming pool. Then I have lunch with my family. Finally, after lunch I often watch TV or play video games.

- 1 James gets up at 10 o'clock. _____
- 2 James has a small breakfast. _____
- 3 James likes swimming. _____
- 4 James has lunch with his boss. _____
- 5 James has a TV. _____



2A Complete the description with the underlined linkers from exercise 1.

On Monday mornings, ¹_____ I have breakfast. ²_____, I drive to work.

³_____ I have a coffee. ⁴_____, I read my emails.

B Complete the description with true information for you.

On Monday mornings, I get up at ¹_____. Then I have ²_____ for breakfast. After that, I ³drive/walk/cycle/take the train/take the bus to work/school. I have lunch at ⁵_____. Finally, I come home at ⁶_____.

3A Put the sentences in the correct order.

- a) I always have a big breakfast on Saturdays. _____
- b) I get home and go to bed after midnight. _____
- c) I get out of bed and I make a proper breakfast. _____
- d) I have a shower and get ready. _____
- e) Usually I have sausages and eggs and toast, but sometimes I have pancakes. _____
- f) On Saturdays I usually get up late, at 10 or 11 o'clock. 1
- g) I go out and meet my friends. _____
- h) I have a cup of tea in bed and check my emails on my phone. _____
- i) We usually go for coffee or for a walk. _____
- j) In the evening, we sometimes go to concerts or parties. _____
- k) I always sing in the bathroom. _____

B Rewrite the text using linkers.

On Saturdays I usually get up late, at 10 or 11 o'clock. On Saturdays I usually get up late, at 10 or 11 o'clock. First,



4 Write a description of your typical Saturday. Use linkers to connect and order your ideas. Use the text in exercise 3 to help you. Write about 60–80 words.