

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

In her book, *The Writing Revolution* Judith Hochman tells us that students' problems with reading comprehension, as well with writing essays, occur because they have not been taught systematically to write ... to which her book gives a step-by-step guide.

The Writing Development exercises here are adapted from her programme.

The Nazi Party, 1919-29

12. Subordinating conjunctions VI – First, Next, After, Before, Later, Initially, At last, Also, In addition, Meanwhile, Simultaneously, Furthermore, Finally

The subordinating conjunctions of time and sequence – 'First', 'Next', 'After', 'Before', 'Later', 'Initially', 'At last', 'Also', 'In addition', 'Meanwhile', 'Simultaneously', 'Furthermore' – are really useful if you are wanting to make a narrative more interesting.

You will notice that I have not included the conjunction 'then'; if you do not want your essay to sound like Primary School, best limited, if not banned altogether!

1. Please find following the timeline of key moments in the early years of the Nazi Party. Using the time and sequence conjunctions above as appropriate, convert the table into a sequential narrative list, beginning:

- Initially, the German Workers' Party was started by Anton Drexler.
- Soon after, _____.
- _____.
- _____ . [etc.]

Date	Event Summary
1919	The German Workers' Party was started by Anton Drexler; Hitler joined and soon became leader.
1920	The party renamed itself the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazis), and announced its Twenty-Five Point Programme.
1923	At first, the Party aimed to take power using the <i>Sturmabteilung</i> , but the Munich Putsch failed and Hitler was sent to Landsberg jail.
1925	Hitler writes <i>Mein Kampf</i> ; it became a best seller.
1923-1932	Membership of the Hitler Youth was growing, from 1,200 in 1923, to 26,000 in 1928 and 108,000 in 1932.
1926	Bamberg Conference; Hitler asserted the <i>Führerprinzip</i> .
1928	Nadir of Nazi election fortunes – only 12 seats in the Reichstag.
1929	Himmler took charge of the SS, which became a paramilitary force exclusive loyal to Hitler.
1930	Hitler placed Goebbels in charge of Nazi Party propaganda.

2. Study the webpage '[Weimar Problems, 1919-23](#)'. Focussing on the dates, construct a 'Date / Event Summary' table (like the one above) of the key dates which illustrate the Weimar Republic's problems 1919-23.

Using the time and sequence conjunctions above as appropriate, convert your table into a sequential narrative list, beginning:

- First, _____.
- _____.
- _____ . [etc.]