# Linking Paragraphs



You can use adverbs and other adverbial phrases to link paragraphs together smoothly.

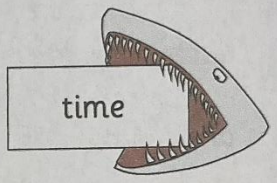
It was four o'clock, and old Mr Coxton was sleeping soundly in his chair.

Nearby, Mrs Smith was weeding her garden. She sang as she went along.

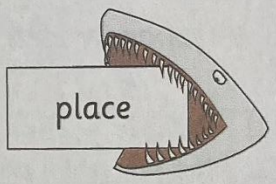
Choosing the right tense will also help to link your paragraphs together.

**1** Read each of these paragraph beginnings. Draw a line to show whether the underlined word or phrase shows a change in time, place or number.

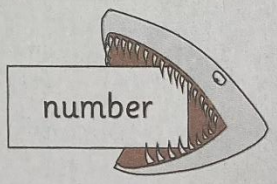
Later, the nurse looked at my ankle. She said it was broken in two places.




Thirdly, I started to screw the different pieces together, one at a time.




At Grandad's house, Clare set up the chessboard and made two cups of tea.




**2** Draw lines to show whether each word or phrase would link paragraphs by time, place or number.

in Ian's room

before breakfast

at the garage

this week

PLACE

fourthly

secondly

NUMBER

above that

next to him

TIME

behind me

every day

thirdly

at 5 pm

firstly

**3** **Use one of the words or phrases from the middle row to link these paragraphs.**

In the morning, George went to buy the ingredients for his lemon cake. It took over an hour.

....., he started mixing and measuring.

Secondly, I covered the exercise book in colourful patterned paper.

....., I used some sticky plastic to make the book waterproof and keep it looking neat.

That afternoon | Under the table | Last week | Thirdly

My brother Jeremy loves doing science experiments — even in the house!

....., he mixed lots of Mum's hair products together. It exploded everywhere!

I was really enjoying the spaghetti Dad had made for tea, but I kept dropping bits accidentally.

....., our cat was eating the scraps, but he couldn't manage the spaghetti!

**4** **Complete the second paragraph below by putting the verbs in brackets into the right tense.**



I am sitting at the table, trying not to look at the fridge. I know I shouldn't open it, but the temptation is just too strong. I creep over and open the door, desperate to get a peek at my birthday cake.

My uncle always (**to bake**) ..... me a special cake. Last year, he (**to come**) ..... to my party with a giant sprout. I (**to be**) ..... horrified! But when he cut it open, it wasn't a sprout at all! He (**to make**) ..... a chocolate cake that looked like a sprout. This year's cake (**to look**) ..... even more extraordinary.

Now Try This

**Add two more paragraphs to the story in question 4. Use adverbial phrases and tense choices to link your paragraphs together smoothly.**