

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 Mormons at Salt Lake City

13. Conjunctions VI – First, Next, After, Before, Later, Initially, At last, Also, In addition, Meanwhile, Simultaneously, Furthermore, Finally

The 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 banned!

1. Please find following a timeline of key moments in the Mormons settlement of Salt Lake City. You will see that I have listed only the references to farming and industry. Using the time and sequence conjunctions above as appropriate, convert the table into a sequential narrative list, beginning:

- First, Salt Lake City was founded by the Mormon pioneers; settlers began farming, irrigation, and building a fort.
- Next, _____.
- _____.
- _____ [etc.]

Date	Event Summary
24 July 1847	Salt Lake City founded by Mormon pioneers; settlers began farming, irrigation, and building a fort.
1848	The Camp of Israel arrived to find adobe houses and crops established in Salt Lake Valley.
1848-1849	Grasshopper infestations destroyed crops; Mormon settlers faced agricultural hardships.
1849	California Gold Rush boosted the Mormon economy.
1868	Zion Cooperative Mercantile Institution (ZCMI) founded, boosting local Mormon industry.
1869	Transcontinental Railroad completed, connecting Salt Lake City by branch line in 1870 and spurring economic growth.
1870	Women's store opened by the railroad depot for Mormon goods.
1895	By this year, Mormon industry had grown to \$6m pa but remained limited compared to industrial centres like San Francisco (\$200m pa).

2. If you access the [timeline](#) from the webpage, you will be able to create useful similar narrative lists for:

- Mormon relations with local Indigenous tribes;
- Mormon relations with the US federal government.