Lesson 23: You will be able to Understand and Use Time Order in a Narrative Essay

**Purpose of Lesson 23:** You Will be Able to Understand and Use Time Order in a Narrative Essay.

**Skills:** critical thinking, reading comprehension, vocabulary, writing

**Words to Learn:**

*transition words* - help you understand the order of events in an essay:

*Use transition words to show the next step in a process or change of event.*

**Directions:** Read the conversation below and complete the exercises that follow.

1. I need help with these pants, Mom. I want to wear them to the reunion. Should I bring them to the tailor?

2. The tailor will cost too much money, and it’s not in our budget right now. I’m too busy to hem them for you, but I can tell you what to do. You know how to sew a stitch.
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Directions for Hemming Pants:

1. You will need an iron, ironing board, pins, a needle, thread, and scissors.
2. Try on your pants with shoes that you normally would wear.
3. Fold the pant leg up to the length you decide on and pin it
4. Take off the pants and pin the other leg to match the first one.
5. Iron the pants making sure the bottoms are even.
6. Turn the pants inside out.
7. Stitch the hem on each pant leg.
8. Iron the pants legs one more time.
9. Put on your pants to see how they fit.

Giving instructions using a list that is numbered shows you what to do in the easiest possible way. When writing, however, it is important to be clear in what you are trying to say so the reader can follow your ideas.

Transition words:
- tell when or at what point in time
- put events in the correct time order
- will make your writing flow smoothly
- insert a comma when used at the beginning of a sentence.
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Below are some commonly used transition words:

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