# Time Order Words List

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<td>often</td>
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<td>starting with</td>
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<td>shortly</td>
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Hints for Using the List

- Use the bolded words as a guide to find more specific words.
- Have students add to the list as they use other time order words in their writing or find them in their reading.
- Have students categorize the lists. Break the words down to smaller, more specific lists or rank from least to most extreme.
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