



Define chronological order : is a way of organizing ideas in the order of their occurrence in time.

What are the uses of chronological order?

- Use chronological order for narrative essays (stories, history, biography, and autobiography)
- Use chronological order for process essays (how to do or make something).

For example, we would use chronological order to explain how to take a photograph, how to make a piece of pottery, how to perform a chemistry experiment, or how to set up an accounting system.

- Chronological essay called (**How to**) or (**process essays**)

What are the Features of thesis statement (Chronological order)?

- The way to indicate time order by using such expression (the process of, the procedure for, plan, develop, evolve, steps , period of time)

For example : A child learns to share over a **period of time**.

- The thesis statement tells the number of steps in the process.
For example : The process of heating water by solar radiation involves **three** main steps.
- The thesis statement may even name the steps.

For example : The main steps in the process of heating water by solar radiation are (1) trapping the sun's energy, (2) heating and storing the hot water, and (3) distributing the hot water to its points of use.

◇ Chronological order signals include all time expressions

| Chronological Order Signal Words | Subordinators | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| - first, first of all, second, third, etc. | - after | - before |
| - then, next, after that, soon, later, later on, etc. | - as | - as soon as |
| - finally, last, last of all | - while | - when |
| - meanwhile, at the same time, now | - since | - until |
| - gradually, eventually | | |
| Others | | |
| - on the third day | - several weeks ago | |
| - after leaving home | - a week later | |
| - for five minutes | - in the past 3 years | |
| - in 2020 | | |

What are the three keys to success in writing a chronological-order essay?

- Group the steps or events into paragraphs where natural breaks occur.
- Write a thesis statement that indicates chronological order.
- Use chronological order signal words and phrases to show the sequence of steps (in a process) or events (in narration).



Thank you