

Language for IELTS Writing Part One describing processes tasks
Brainstorm phrases into these four categories:

First stage	Next stage	Last stage	The same time

Hint
Use these words to make longer phrases: First/ Begin/ Stage/ Initial/ Follow/ Last/ Final
Compare your ideas with those below the dotted line.

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The first/ initial stage/ step/ part of the process is... To start with... At the beginning/ start of the process,... First of all Firstly,... To begin with... Initially... The process/ cycle starts with... The start of the process/ cycle is... At first...	At this point The next step Subsequently After/ Following that The following step is ,and then ,after which After + ing, ... After having + PP,... When that stage is finished/ completed,... Once ... Having completed..., the... moves on to... As soon as... This is followed by...	Finally The last/ final step is To bring the process to a close,... The process concludes with/ by...	Simultaneously Concurrently At the same time While this is in progress,... Before finishing this,... Whilst this is ongoing,...

What are the differences between First/ At first and Last/ At last?
What information and phrases would you want to include in the introduction to a process task? Write some examples then compare with the next page.

Suggested phrases for IELTS Writing Task 1 introductions**First sentence**

The picture(s)/ visual(s)/ diagram(s)/ chart(s)/ flowchart(s)
+ illustrate(s)/ show(s)/ explain(s)
+ how.../ the steps involved in.../ the process by which...

Summary sentence

There are... stages, starting with... and ending with...

Last sentence of the introduction (explaining the structure/ organisation/ body)

I will look at the first ... stages, then turn to...