

Signal Match-Up Answer Key

1. Earlier → C. Earlier this morning, we had a fire drill at school.
2. Next → E. We washed the car; next, we vacuumed the inside.
3. Afterward → B. We played soccer for an hour; afterward, we walked home tired but happy.
4. Finally → F. The movie was over; finally, the credits rolled on the screen.
5. Before → A. Before we ate dinner, my sister set the table.
6. Later → D. I finished my science project; later, I added the last details to my poster.

Extension Question (Sample Answer):

Signal words are important because they help readers follow the order of events clearly. They show when something happened and how it connects to the next step. Writers use them to make stories, directions, and explanations easier to understand.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Students should **underline the signal word** once they've matched it correctly.
- Discuss how some sentences could technically use more than one signal word, but the given matches make the most logical sense.
- Extension option: have students write their own short paragraph using at least **three different signal words**.