



Using linking words

Fill in the gaps with appropriate words (from the choice below) to link the paragraphs. Remember that the topic of one paragraph should **follow logically** from the topic of the last paragraph and should lead on to the topic of the next paragraph.

Choice of linking words

After Leave The whole process The next stage Finally Start Next

How pottery is made

_____ by preparing the clay to make sure its texture is even and that it's free from air bubbles. Air trapped in clay expands when heated in the kiln, causing it to explode.

_____ make the thing you want. There are four basic methods to use. Firstly, pinch pots, made by squeezing clay with your fingers. Secondly, slab pots, made by joining flat sheets of clay. Thirdly, coil pots made with sausages of clay, and finally, pots made on the wheel (thrown pots).

_____ the clay to dry for about a day until it becomes leather hard, like firm cheese. At this stage, you can finish fine details or decorate the clay.

_____ a week or so. When the clay is completely dry, you bake, or fire, the pot at about 980°C to make it hard. This is called biscuit firing. It also makes the clay porous for the next stage.

_____ is to cover the pot with a special kind of powdered glass called glaze. You mix the powder with water and apply it to the pot by dipping, pouring, brushing or spraying.

_____ you fire the pot again again - to a higher temperature this time (between 1,000°C and 1,400°C depending on the clay). This is called glaze or ghost firing. It makes the glaze melt and gives the pot an even, glass-like coating.

_____, from start to finish, takes about two weeks.