



Using linking words

Instructions often use **linking words** to tell us what to do and the **order** in which to do it. These words also tell us about how each step in the instructions links to the other steps. Here's a list of common linking words:

first | finally | next | after | before | then | second

Read this set of instructions for stripping wallpaper and **put the right linking word in each space**. Use each word **once**.

_____, using a sponge, soak part of the wall with warm water. Add some washing-up liquid to the water first.

_____ you start, make some scratches on the wallpaper with a sharp knife. This will help the water soak into the paper.)

_____, wait for at least five minutes so that the water has time to soak in.

_____, use a wallpaper scraper to lift the wallpaper off the wall. It is easiest if you start at the edge of a sheet and scrape away from you.

If the wallpaper won't come off you will need to soak it again until it is wet through.

_____, _____ removing all the wallpaper, let the wall dry out.

_____, use a sander to rub off any last pieces of paper and to make the wall smooth, ready for decorating.