



## Academic Writing Podcast 21 – Time

### Sample Text

The **forthcoming** murder trial at the British Crown Court is expected to last several weeks until the judge has made his final decision. Police interrogation of witnesses is still **ongoing**, but we have as yet not been informed of any new information regarding the case. In the summer of 2011, the criminal was detained as a suspect in the **successive** murder of three men at different locations around South London, but **subsequently** escaped from custody. **Eventually**, he was caught by police in November of last year and has been awaiting his trial in prison ever since. He is said to be a drifter of no **permanent** abode, originally from the Czech Republic, and so a **simultaneous** translation of the court proceedings was required for his benefit. Should the defendant be convicted, it is the judge who will decide whether or not to assign his punishments **concurrently** or consecutively. This type of crime is a real example of the dangers that face **contemporary** society in this day and age. The spokesman for the Crown Court was **temporarily** unavailable for comment.

### Glossary

#### 1) concurrent

*occurring at the same time*

- Many of the arguments that fuelled this Canadian debate mirrored those of the **concurrent** debate in U.S. political and strategic circles concerning the proper place of nuclear weapons in American and Western military policy
- The **concurrent** existence of pan-Hispanic, Mexican national, and regional Mexican identities reaffirms that assimilation and cultural change is not a simple, linear, start-to-finish process.

*accordant or agreeing*

- **Concurrent** testimony by three witnesses satisfied the jury that the suspect was guilty.
- **Concurrent** with their lack of political power, Native Hawaiians have the worst



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social, economic, and health of any ethnic group in the state.

### 2) contemporary

*belonging to the same time*

- A **contemporary** of Shakespeare, Sir Francis Bacon was an English judge and lord chancellor.
- The battle of Marathon is the first of which history has preserved for us a **contemporary** account of the relative numbers and equipments of the contending armies, their positions before the battle, and the precise location of the conflict.
- Ironically, the philosophy of **contemporary** international politics turns the common wisdom upside down: war is not an extension of politics; politics is an extension of war.

### 3) eventual

*happening or existing later, after an effort or problem; happening at the end of a period of time or of a process*

- His mistakes led to his **eventual** dismissal.
- It is impossible to predict what the **eventual** outcome will be.
- Even the **eventual** failures of the temperance movement in realizing its goal of national abstinence did not dim this vision of mass betterment among convinced temperance advocates

### 4) forthcoming

*[before a noun] happening soon*

- The **forthcoming** elections in the United States are the subject of intense international discussion and media attention.
- With the current state budget projections, significant help from state government will not be **forthcoming**.

### 5) ongoing

*happening now; continuing to exist or develop*

- The police investigation is **ongoing**.
- Unfortunately, the **ongoing** destruction of peat swamp forests means that such research will soon be impossible.
- All forms of government have failed Europeans at one time or another, and the **ongoing** financial crisis indicates that systemic failure is not beyond the bounds of possibility now.



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### 6) simultaneous

*happening or done at the same time*

- Because they were using a file-sharing system, the engineers sometimes found that two team members were making **simultaneous** revisions to different copies of the same file, which would then set off a chain of back-and-forth e-mails and meetings to sort out the problem.
- Even educated people can be surprisingly reluctant to accept **simultaneous** events as coincidence.
- These changes together reflect the waning of the post-World War II global hierarchy and the **simultaneous** dispersal of global power.

### 7) subsequent (analysis, changes)

*happening after something else*

- **Subsequent** events confirmed our doubts.
- Developments on this issue will be dealt with in a **subsequent** report.
- This policy enjoyed wide support in Finland at the time (despite the **subsequent** debate in Finland on its merits).

### 8) successive

*happening immediately after something else*

- Poland achieved independence in 1918 after a long period of partition between Germany, Austria, and Russia, then in World War II suffered **successive** invasions from Hitler's and Stalin's armies, losing one third of its population, including 2.9 million Jews.
- There has been low rainfall for two **successive** years.
- They have guided and inspired **successive** generations of employees.

### 9) temporary

*not for a long period, not permanent*

- Camp Gordon was constructed during America's rush to mobilize during World War I and was one of the sixteen **temporary** military training camps that were developed to prepare U.S. soldiers for war.
- The city of New York supports several social institutions which provide **temporary** accommodation to those actively seeking employment.
- Given the rationing system used to buy food, as a **temporary** resident in Bucharest, you could not enjoy the oil, sugar, chicken claws, or toilet paper scientifically distributed to the true inhabitants of the Capital City alone.



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### 10) permanent

*for a long period, not temporary*

- The accident has not done any **permanent** damage to the car.
- The gallery hosts various exhibitions and a **permanent** collection.
- Regular and **permanent** physical activity practices are lower in the lower income and less educated population.<sup>1</sup>

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