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Text:

Over the last two weeks, I've made good progress with the redevelopment of the school garden. The flower bed wall is now finished and the main area in front of the windows flattened prior to laying grass.

One area that probably hasn't been touched since the building was finished is the current focus. I managed to unearth big stones, small stones, roof slates and a tree root on the way to clearing the ground for flattening.

Before laying the grass, I plan to put down a layer of sand for levelling, then a membrane to prevent weeds rising to make maintenance simple.....I hope.

Discussion: Do you plan events in great detail or are you relaxed about outcomes?

Words and usage:


Prior to

This phrase refers to steps of preparation done before a more important action. 'Ahead of' and 'in advance of' are alternative expressions.

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Practice idea: Think back to a project you have done and the steps in the process. You could use the following words to connect the second and following stages; 'then', 'next', 'after that', and to mark the last stage, 'finally'. This will help the listener to picture the scene in their mind.

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