# Introduction

# Purpose of the task:

The goal of this task is to find out when an event happens.

### What do you need to do?

- You will see a few sentences with some words highlighted. The highlighted words are events.
- You will be asked to choose the relation between them.

#### There are three relations between events.

- before: When Susan walked in, Peter had already left. (the left event happened before the walked event.)
- after: Two explosions have been reported in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad. (Someone can only report the explosions after the explosions happened.)
- around the same time: A neighbor saw him crying.

# How to make your decisions?

Sometimes the blue event is related to multiple green events. You should choose the green event that is closer to it in time. For example,

The elderly gentleman wrote<sub>1</sub> out the check, tore<sub>2</sub> it from the book and handed<sub>3</sub> it to Costain.

• Q: When did the handed3 event happen?

In this example, the three events happened in succession. The <a href="handed3">handed3</a> event is closer to the <a href="tore2">tore2</a> event in time, so <a href="tore2">the answer is</a> 'handed3 happened after <a href="tore2">tore2</a> '.

If you can't tell which event is closer to the blue event in time, please choose the one that is closer to it in text order. For example.

"We have arrested1 two people and have detained2 several more for questioning," said3 Vasundhara Raje. "

• Q: When did the said3 event happen?

In this example, said<sub>3</sub> happened after arrested<sub>1</sub> and said<sub>3</sub> happened after detained<sub>1</sub>, but we don't know whether said<sub>3</sub> is closer to arrested<sub>1</sub> or is closer to detained<sub>2</sub> in time, so the answer is 'said<sub>3</sub> happened after detained<sub>2</sub>' because said<sub>3</sub> is closer to detained<sub>2</sub> in text order.

Sometimes we don't know when exactly an event happens. You should choose 'Undecidable.' for those questions. For example,

They also **evacuated<sub>1</sub>** the downtown portion of the Line 1 / Green Line of the Montreal Metro subway, from Lionel-Groulx to Berri-UQAM stations, and **evacuated<sub>2</sub>** the McGill metro station, which is situated below The Bay tunnel.

• Q: When did the evacuated2 event happen?

In this example, the **evacuated<sub>2</sub>** event could happen after the **evacuated<sub>1</sub>** event, or at the same time with the **evacuated<sub>1</sub>** event, we can't tell. You should choose **'Undecidable.'** for this question.

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