

# Linking words and phrases

The words below are great to use as linking words and phrases to link one idea or argument to another. Many of them can also be used to connect sentences to one another within a paragraph. And, finally, they can be used to connect clauses. (Independent clauses - these can stand alone as a sentence by themselves, dependent clauses - these make no sense by themselves).

| <b>Sequence</b>  | <b>Result</b>   | <b>Emphasis</b>   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>First / firstly, second / secondly, third / thirdly etc</b><br><b>Next, last, finally</b><br><b>In addition, moreover</b><br><b>Further / furthermore</b><br><b>Another</b><br><b>Also</b><br><b>In conclusion</b><br><b>To summarise</b>   | <b>So</b><br><b>As a result</b><br><b>As a consequence (of)</b><br><b>Therefore</b><br><b>Thus</b><br><b>Consequently</b><br><b>Hence</b><br><b>Due to</b><br><b>Otherwise</b>  | <b>Undoubtedly</b><br><b>Indeed</b><br><b>Obviously</b><br><b>Generally</b><br><b>Admittedly</b><br><b>In fact</b><br><b>Particularly / in particular</b><br><b>Especially</b><br><b>Clearly</b><br><b>Importantly</b><br><b>Even</b> |
| <b>Addition</b>  | <b>Reason</b>   | <b>Example</b>  |
| <b>And</b><br><b>In addition / additionally / an additional</b><br><b>Furthermore</b><br><b>Also</b><br><b>Too</b><br><b>As well as</b>  | <b>For</b><br><b>Because</b><br><b>Since</b><br><b>As</b><br><b>Because of</b>  | <b>For example</b><br><b>For instance</b><br><b>That is (ie)</b><br><b>Such as</b><br><b>Including</b><br><b>Namely</b>   |
| <b>Contrast</b>  | <b>Comparison</b>   |   |
| <b>However</b><br><b>Nevertheless</b><br><b>Nonetheless</b><br><b>Still</b><br><b>Although / even though</b><br><b>Though</b><br><b>But</b><br><b>Yet</b><br><b>Despite / in spite of</b><br><b>In contrast (to)</b><br><b>In comparison</b><br><b>While</b><br><b>Whereas</b><br><b>On the other hand</b><br><b>On the contrary</b> | <b>Similarly</b><br><b>Likewise</b><br><b>Also</b><br><b>Like</b><br><b>Just as</b><br><b>Just like</b><br><b>Similar to</b><br><b>Same as</b><br><b>Compare</b><br><b>Compare(d) to / with</b><br><b>Not only...but also</b> |   |