

# Linkers and connectors

## LINKERS

### \* Contrast

**In spite of / Despite** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a noun phrase

**Although / (Even) though** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a sentence

**However / Nevertheless / Still / Yet / Even so / On the contrary / In contrast.** Introduce a new idea which marks a contrast with previously stated ideas. Introduced by a comma

**On the one hand ... On the other hand.** Links two contrasting ideas / paragraphs

**In contrast to / Contrary to.** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a noun phrase

**Whereas** Link two contrasting ideas. Not separated by commas

### \* Reason and cause

**Because / As / Since / Seeing that** Introduce a sentence. Subordinate sentences introduced by because always appear in final position

**Because of / On account of / Owing to / Due to.** Introduce a noun phrase

### \* Purpose

**In order to / So as to** Introduce an infinitive of purpose

**In order that / So that** Introduce a sentence

### \* Consequence

**Consequently / As a consequence / As a result / Therefore**

**As a consequence of / As a result of** Followed by a noun phrase

**So** Introduces a sentence. No commas

### \* Addition

**Moreover / Furthermore / In addition / Besides / What's more** Used after a strong pause and separated from the sentences. They are introduced by a comma

**As well as / In addition to / Besides** Used to add one more piece of information. Followed by a noun phrase

★ **Exemplification**

**For example / For instance** Introduces an example referring to previously stated ideas

**Such as** Introduces an example referring to the last idea

**CONNECTORS**

★ **Contrast**

**but / yet:** followed by a noun phrase or a sentence

*'The book is short but / yet interesting'*

**in spite of / despite:** It is placed at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence

*'He arrived on time despite / in spite of getting up late'*

**although / though/ even though / in spite of the fact that:** followed by a complete sentence. They can be placed at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence. If it is placed at the beginning we need to use a comma after the clause.

*'Although / though / even though / in spite of the fact that the pupils had not studied, they all passed their exams'*

**however, nevertheless, even so, on the one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary:**

*'He was quite ill however/ nevertheless/ even so, he went to school'*

**while, whereas**

*'This film is very interesting, while/whereas that one is quite boring'*

★ **Reason and cause**

**because, as since, seeing that:**

*'Because / as / since / seeing that it's late, we should go home'*

**because of, on account of, owing to, due to:**

*'Because of / on account of / owing to / due to the weather, we stayed at home'*

**in order to, so as to, to:**

*'She uses her video in order to / so as to / to record TV programmes'*

**\* Add information**

**for example, for instance, such as:**

*'Vegetables are a good source of vitamins: for example / for instance, oranges have vitamin C'*

**moreover, furthermore, besides, in addition to:**

*'In addition to soul music, she likes rap'*

**apart from, except for:**

*'Apart from English, she speaks French'.*

**\* Succession**

First of all / Firstly / To begin with / First ....

Second / Secondly / Then ...

Third / Thirdly / After that...

The next stage ...

Finally / in short / to sum up / in conclusion / lastly / last but not least...

**\* Result**

**As a result of:**

*'As a result of his brave action, he was awarded a military medal.*

**Therefore, as a result, consequently, for this reason:**

*'Consequently / for this reason, it always passes its annual road test'.*

**Order**

**\* First paragraph**

**At first sight:** A primera vista

**First:** En primer lugar

**First of all:** Antes que nada

**In the first place:** En primer lugar

**To start with:** Para empezar

**\* Second paragraph**

**In the second place:** En segundo lugar

**Second:** Segundo

**Secondly:** En segundo lugar

**Third:** Tercero

**Thirdly:** En tercer lugar

**\* Conclusion**

**Finally:** Por último

**In conclusion:** Para concluir

**Lastly:** Por último

**And eventually:** Y finalmente

**\* Adding information**

**apart from:** Aparte de

**in addition:** Además

**in addition to:** Además de

**What's more:** Además; lo que es más

**moreover:** Además

**on top of that:** Además

**besides:** Además

**On the one hand:** Por una parte

**On the other hand:** Por otra parte

**and eventually:** Y finalmente

**\* Contrast**

**all the same:** a pesar de todo

**however:** sin embargo

**instead of:** en vez de

**in spite of / despite:** a pesar de

**nevertheless:** no obstante

**on the contrary:** por el contrario

**whereas / while:** mientras

**though / although:** aunque

✱ **Reason**

**because of + noun:** a causa de

**due to + noun:** debido a

**due to the fact that + sentence:** debido a que

**for this / that reason:** por esta / esa razón

**owing to + noun:** debido a

**owing to the fact that + sentence:** debido a que

✱ **Result**

**as a result:** como resultado

**because of:** a causa de

**consequently:** en consecuencia

**so:** por lo tanto

**that's why:** por eso, por esa razón...

**therefore:** por lo tanto

✱ **Expressing facts**

**actually:** en realidad

**as a matter of fact:** de hecho

**in fact:** de hecho

**really:** en realidad

✱ **Expressing a personal opinion**

**as far as I am concerned** por lo que a mí respecta

**from my point of view** desde mi punto de vista

**I agree** estoy de acuerdo

**I disagree** no estoy de acuerdo

**in my opinion** en mi opinión

**in my view** según lo veo

**I think that** creo que

**it is true that** es verdad que

**personally** personalmente

**to be honest** para ser honesto

**to tell the truth** a decir verdad

**\* Explain**

**that is (to say):** es decir

**in other words:** en otras palabras

**in short:** en resumen

**above all:** sobre todo

**all in all:** en general

**at least:** al menos

**basically:** básicamente, fundamentalmente

**especially:** especialmente, sobre todo

**essentially:** esencialmente

**in general:** en general

**in particular:** en particular

**more or less:** más o menos

**on the whole:** en general

**to a certain extent:** hasta cierto punto

**\* Exemplifying**

**and so on:** etcétera

**for example:** por ejemplo

**for instance:** por ejemplo

**such as** tal(es)como

✳ **Summarizing**

**all in all:** en suma

**in brief:** en resumen

**in conclusion:** Para concluir

**in short:** en resumen

**on the whole:** en general

**to sum up:** Para resumir

✳ **Sequencing**

**after that:** después de eso

**all of a sudden:** de repente

**Finally:** Finalmente

**First of all:** En primer lugar

**in the end:** al final

**in the meantime:** mientras tanto

**meanwhile:** mientras tanto

**next:** luego

**suddenly:** de repente

**then:** entonces, después

**while:** mientras