

GRAMMAR: Linking Words

however

due to

therefore

for instance

in other words

in addition

similarly

finally

Linking Words

- Also called 'connective' or 'transition' words, **linking words** are words and phrases used to link phrases, clauses or sentences presenting addition, contrast, comparison, cause, effect/ consequence, etc.
- They are used to establish clear connections between ideas.
- They help the reader to progress from one idea to another.
- They help to build up coherent relationships within the text.

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Addition

and
also
in addition
firstly, secondly,
thirdly
moreover
as well as
furthermore
additionally

Comparison

in the same way
equally
likewise
similarly
comparatively
correspondingly

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Contrast

but
although
though
in spite of
even if
even though
while
despite
whereas

Concession

in concession
on the other hand
on the contrary
still
yet
conversely
however
nevertheless
nonetheless

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Cause

because

since

as

for

due to

so as to

so that

Result / Effect

so

as a result

as a consequence

consequently

therefore

in effect

thus

hence

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Examples / Clarification

for example
for instance
such as
in other words
to put it differently
as an illustration
to put it another way
that is to say

Conclusion / Summary

in a word
in summary
in conclusion
in short
in brief
to summarize
to sum up
on the whole
all in all

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