

WRITING : LINKING WORDS

Linking words help you to **connect ideas** and **sentences** when you speak or write. We can use linking words to **give examples, add information, summarise, stating a purpose, give a reason or result**, or to **contrast ideas**.

Here's a list of the most common linking words and phrases:



Adding information:

- + In addition,
- + Moreover, ...
- + Also, ...
- + What is more, ...
- + Besides,
- + Furthermore,
- + .. not only ... but also ..

Giving a reason:

- + because
- + since
- + as ...
- + for
- + due to the fact that
- + because of
- + thanks to

Giving a result:

- + Therefore,
- + As a result,
- + Consequently,
- + So,
- + For this reason,
- + Because of this / that, ..
- + Hence, ...

Contrasting ideas:

- + whereas ...
- + while
- + but ...
- + Nevertheless, ...
- + On the contrary, ...
- + On the one hand .. on the other hand ..

Giving an example:

- + For example, ...
- + For instance, ...
- + Such as
- + To illustrate, ...

Stating a purpose:

- + for + **verb-ing**
- + to + **bare infinitive**
- + in order (**not**) to + **bare infinitive**
- + so as (**not**) to + **bare infinitive**
- + in order that + **subject** + **modal (not)** + **bare infinitive**
- + so that

Summarizing:

- + In brief, ...
- + In short,
- + To conclude, ...
- + To sum up,
- + As a conclusion, ...
- + All in all,...