

Linking Words

Linking words show the logical relationship between sentences or parts of a sentence.

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Say the sentences from the table in every possible way as in the example. Whenever this is not possible, make up a new sentence so that other linking words can be used.

eg. *She is both clever and rich. She's not only clever but she's also rich. etc*

Positive Addition	and, both...and, not only...but (also/as well), too, moreover, in addition to, furthermore, further, also, not to mention the fact that, besides	<i>She's clever and rich.</i>
Negative Addition	neither...nor, nor, neither, either	<i>Neither Barry nor Kevin knows how to drive. Barry doesn't know how to drive. Nor does Kevin.</i>
Contrast	but, not...but, although, while, whereas, despite, even if, even though, on the other hand, in contrast, however, (and) yet, at the same time	<i>Riding a bicycle may not be as comfortable as driving a car; however it is much more environmentally friendly.</i>
Similarity	similarly, likewise, in the same way, equally	<i>A glass of milk before you go to bed may help you sleep. Similarly, a hot bath could do the trick.</i>
Concession	but, even so, however, (and) still, (and) yet, nevertheless, on the other hand, although, even though, despite/in spite of, regardless of, admittedly, considering, whereas, while, nonetheless	<i>He carried on playing until the end of the game, even though he had a broken toe.</i>
Alternative	or, on the other hand, either...or, alternatively	<i>You could tell her the bad news, or on the other hand/alternatively, you could let her find out herself.</i>
Emphasis	besides, not only this but...also, as well, what is more, in fact, as a matter of fact, to tell you the truth, actually, indeed, let alone	<i>I'm afraid you are not qualified for this job and, what is more, you are far too young.</i>
Exemplification	as, such as, like, for example, for instance, particularly, especially, in particular	<i>All the performers were good, but Pavarotti in particular was magnificent.</i>
Clarification	that is to say, specifically, in other words, to put it another way, I mean	<i>She's angry. Specifically, she's angry at you.</i>
Cause / Reason	as, because, because of, since, on the grounds that, seeing that, due to, in view of, owing to, for, now that, so	<i>She decided to order a salad now that she had started her diet.</i>

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Manner	as, (in) the way, how, the way in which, (in) the same way (as), as if, as though	<i>The coach explained how the team could beat their opponents.</i>
Condition	if, in case, assuming (that), on condition (that), provided (that), providing (that), unless, in the event (that), in the event of, as/so long as, granted/granting (that), whether, whether...or (alternative condition), only if, even if, otherwise, or(else), in case of	<i>The travel agency will contact you in the event that/in case your flight is changed.</i>
Consequence of a condition	consequently, then, under those circumstances, if so, if not, so, therefore, in that case, otherwise, thus	<i>You may be caught by the enemy. If so, tell them nothing.</i>
Purpose	so that, so as (not) to, in order (not) to, in order that, for fear (that), in case, lest	<i>Make a note of our appointment in your diary in case you forget about it.</i>
Effect / Result	such/so...that, consequently, for this reason, as a consequence, thus, therefore, so	<i>He was the only child of a rich banker and, as a consequence, he was very spoilt.</i>
Comparison	as...as, than, half as...as, nothing like, the...the, twice as...as, less...than	<i>Her second novel is nothing like her first.</i>
Time	when, whenever, as, while, now (that), before, until, till, after, since	<i>I like to visit the cathedral whenever I'm in Durham.</i>
Place	where, wherever	<i>Park your car wherever you want to.</i>
Exception	but (for), except (for), apart from	<i>We had a lovely holiday, apart from that one day when it rained.</i>
Relative	who, whom, whose, which, what, that	<i>There's the man whose house was burnt down.</i>
Chronological	beginning: initially, first..., at first, to start/begin with, first of all continuing: secondly ..., after this/that, second..., afterwards, then, next, before this concluding: finally, at last, in the end, eventually, lastly, last but not least	<i>First of all, I'd like to thank my mother ... Then, I must thank everyone involved in making this wonderful film ... Finally, I want to thank you, my fans.</i>
Reference	considering, concerning, regarding, with respect/regard/reference to, in respect/regard/reference to this/to the fact that	<i>Considering all the evidence, we find the accused "not guilty". I'm writing with reference to your report on whales.</i>
Summarising	in conclusion, in summary, to sum up, as I have said, as (it) was previously stated, on the whole, in all, all in all, altogether, in short, briefly, to put it briefly	<i>To sum up, the government must spend more money on public services.</i>

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