

## LINKING DEVICES

Linking devices help you carry over a thought from one sentence, idea or paragraph to another with words or phrases so that there are no sudden jumps or breaks between ideas. Below is a list of some common connectors:

### TO ADD/ TO LIST

and	to begin with	furthermore	finally
above all	second(ly)	third	lastly
also	next	then	last but not least
first and foremost	in addition (to)	later	eventually
firstly	third(ly)	moreover	following
(at) first	as well as	subsequently	next
first of all	further	most importantly	besides
in the first place	too	not only... but also	

### TO EXPRESS REASON / CAUSE

because	because of	as a result of	caused by
since	owing to	for this reason	results from
as / for	on account of	for these reasons	seeing that
now that	due to	the reason for this is	inasmuch as

### TO EXPRESS RESULT

as a result	accordingly	therefore / so	thus
as a consequence	consequently	hence	in consequence

### TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE

for example	to demonstrate	such as
for instance	to illustrate	e.g.

### TO EMPHASIZE

in fact	definitely	surprisingly	certainly
indeed	extremely	unquestionably	surely
as a matter of fact	absolutely	without doubt	undoubtedly

### TO EXPLAIN / CLARIFY

that is (i.e.)	in other words	to put it differently	that is to say
namely	to put it in another / a different way		

### TO SUMMARIZE / CONCLUDE

in brief	to sum up	in conclusion	to summarize
briefly	overall	all in all	in summary
to be brief	in short	to conclude	finally

**TO SHOW TIME**

at first	since	next	before
first	later	afterwards	before (that)
second	after (that)	previously	at that time
third	then	before	finally
as	when	as soon as	soon
at the same time	meanwhile	in the meantime	while

**TO EXPRESS SIMILARITY / COMPARISON**

likewise	both...and	correspondingly	
similarly	equally	not only... but also	
(just) as...(as)	in the same way / vein / manner / fashion		also

**TO REPEAT**

as aforementioned	as noted before	as has been noted
as explained earlier	as mentioned earlier	as mentioned previously

**TO EXPRESS TRANSITION**

as far as	with regard to	as far as X is concerned	
as regards	with respect to	regarding	as to

**TO EXPRESS PURPOSE**

(in order) to	so that	with this in mind
so as to	in order that	with the purpose of

**TO EXPRESS CONDITION**

so / as long as	or else	in the event (that)	in case
(only) if	whether...or not	unless	regardless (of)
should	otherwise	provided / providing (that)	

**TO EXPRESS CONTRAST / DIRECT OPPOSITION**

however	conversely	while	but
on the other hand	in / by contrast	whereas	by comparison
compared with / to	on the contrary	contrary to (this)	as opposed to
although	despite	in spite of	yet
unlike	dissimilar	on the one hand...on the other hand	

**TO EXPRESS UNEXPECTED RESULT**

however	nevertheless	of course	despite
still	nonetheless	although / though	in spite of
even so / though	yet	regardless (of)	in any case

**TO PARTICULARIZE**

distinctively	specifically	expressly	otherwise
else	in particular / particularly		

**TO CORRECT**

rather	actually	to be (more) precise / specific
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**TO EXPRESS AN ALTERNATIVE**

alternatively	instead (of)
else	otherwise