

# CONNECTING WORDS

## HOW TO USE THEM

		TRANSITIONS at the beginning of a sentence	COMPOUND SENTENCES use coordinating conjunctions	COMPLEX SENTENCES use subordinating conjunctions
WHAT THEY SHOW	TIME / SEQUENCE	First, Next, Then, Eventually, Meanwhile, After that, Afterwards, Later, Finally, Now, <i>In the first place,</i> <i>Subsequently,</i>		after before while when whenever until by the time since as soon as once as long as as <b>Clause Markers</b>
	CAUSE & EFFECT	Therefore, As a result, Consequently, For this reason, <i>Thus,</i> <i>Hence,</i> <i>Accordingly,</i>	, so , for	because since <i>due to the fact that</i> <i>so that</i>
	CONTRAST / OPPOSITE / UNEXPECTED RESULT	However, Nevertheless, Otherwise, On the other hand, In contrast, Still, Instead, <i>Even so,</i> <i>Nonetheless,</i> <i>Conversely,</i> <i>In spite of this,</i> <i>On the contrary,</i>	, but , yet	although even though though while <i>whereas</i> <i>despite the fact that</i>
	ADDITIONAL / ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION	Also, Additionally, In addition, Furthermore, <i>Moreover,</i>	, and , or , nor	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <u>Paired Conjunctions</u>                      not only... but also                      both... and                      neither... nor                      either... or                 </div>

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<b>CONDITION</b>	Otherwise,	, or	if unless
<b>EXAMPLE</b>	For example, For instance, In particular, In other words, That is, Specifically, To be specific, <i>As an illustration,</i>		
<b>SIMILARITY</b>	Similarly, Likewise, Equally important, <i>By the same token,</i> <i>In a similar way,</i>		just as
<b>EMPHASIS</b>	Actually, As a matter of fact, In fact, After all, Of course, Certainly, Above all, Most important, <i>Indeed,</i>		
<b>GENERALIZATION</b>	Basically, In general, Generally, Generally speaking, On the whole,		
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	In conclusion, To conclude, Finally, In summary, In sum, Due to these reasons, In short,		

**Clause Markers**

*\*words in italics are less common or more formal words – use sparingly!*

**Example:** The following sentences all mean the same thing. Notice how the punctuation is different depending on which signal word you choose and its location in the sentence.

1. The food was terrible. **However**, we had a good time. – 2 simple sentences
2. The food was terrible, **but** we had a good time. – compound sentence
3. **Although** the food was terrible, we had a good time. – complex sentence
4. We had a good time **even though** the food was terrible. – complex sentence