

Connectives

Using connectives for effective
writing

What is a connective?

- **Connectives** are the **glue** that holds a text together. They join clauses together in a sentence, and the join sentences in a long piece of writing.
- **Connectives** don't have to be just one word. They **can be phrases** like 'in other words' or 'just after that'.

Note: Some connectives can be used to express more than one idea

Connective types:

Addition

Also, furthermore

Reinforcing

Besides, after all

Listing

Firstly, to begin, finally

Past timing

Before, at first, until then

Current timing

Meanwhile, all the while

Opposition

However, nevertheless

Exemplification

For example, such as

Results

Therefore, as a result

Future timing

Next, eventually, finally

Connective types:

Comparison

Equally, similarly

Persuasion

Surely, certainly

Opinion and interpretation

Obviously, possibly

Emphasis

Above all, in particular

Cause and effect

Because, so that

Explaining

In other words, yet

Restriction

Unless, only if, except for

Summary

In brief, on the whole

Adding information

- And
- Also
- As well as
- Moreover
- Too
- Furthermore
- In addition
- Likewise
- In a similar way
- Similarly
- Besides
- Indeed
- Even
- Let alone

Opposition

- However
- Nevertheless
- On the other hand
- In contrast
- Though
- Alternatively
- Anyway
- Yet
- In fact
- Even so
- Although
- Whereas
- Instead of
- Otherwise
- Unlike
- But
- On the other hand
- Rather
- Despite this
- On the contrary

Reinforcing

- Besides
- Anyway
- After all
- Significantly
- Indeed
- Notably

Exemplification

- For example
- Such as
- For instance
- In the case of
- As revealed by
- That is to say
- In other words

Listing

- First(ly) ...
- Second(ly)
- First of all
- Finally
- Lastly
- For one thing ... for another
- In the first place
- To begin with
- Next
- To sum up
- To conclude
- In a nutshell

Result

- Because
- So
- Therefore
- Thus
- Consequently
- In order to
- For
- So that
- For that reason
- As a result
- Then
- Since
- As
- Now

Timing

Past timing

- At first
- Before
- In the beginning
- Until then
- Up to that time
- Since

Current timing

- In the mean time
- Simultaneously
- Concurrently
- Meanwhile
- All the while
- At that moment

Future timing

- Just then
- Next
- In due course
- In the end
- After that
- Later
- Finally
- Eventually

Restriction

- Unless
- Only if
- Except (for)
- Apart from
- Yet
- If
- As long as

Comparison

- Equally
- Likewise
- Similarly
- As with
- Like
- In the same way

Cause and effect

- Therefore
- Thus
- Consequently
- in order that
- for
- so that
- for that reason
- as a result

Persuasion

- Of course
- Clearly
- Evidently
- Surely
- Certainly
- Decidedly
- Indeed
- Undoubtedly

Explaining further on

- Although
- However
- Unless
- Except
- Apart from
- Yet
- If
- As long as
- Namely
- Such as
- As already stated
- In other words
- in other words
- That is

Opinion and interpretation

- **it would seem**
- **it appears**
- **obviously**
- **possibly**
- **it seems likely**
- **presumably**
- **one might consider**

Emphasis

- Above all
- In particular
- Especially
- Significantly
- Indeed
- Notably

Summarising

- Therefore
- Hence
- All in all
- All this points to
- So
- In conclusion
- Finally
- Consequently
- To sum up
- As a result
- Thus
- All this suggests that
- This resulted in
- All this leads to