

Connecting and Linking words

Linking words show the relationships between ideas. Linking words serve different functions, such as to compare ideas or to give examples, and can go at the start or in the middle of a sentence.

Function	Linking words	Example
Addition (to add an idea)	also furthermore moreover additionally	Exam performance is also influenced by personal factors, such as anxiety and confidence.
Cause and effect (to show that one thing is a result of another)	so therefore as a result consequently accordingly because	The defendant was intoxicated and therefore not fully aware of his actions.
Contrast (to show differences)	in contrast however whereas while conversely	In 2016, the proportion of Australian citizens born overseas was approximately 29%. However, this proportion varied between states, with just 13% of Tasmanian residents born overseas, compared with 31% in Victoria (ABS, 2021).
Comparison (to show similarities)	similarly likewise in the same way	In the global response to COVID-19, WHO has repeatedly urged that countries must work together as one global family to address the impacts of the pandemic. Similarly , the global health threat of climate change requires global collaboration, increased finance, and the equitable sharing of solutions (World Health Organization, 2021).
Definition	is defined as that is	A migrant is defined as a “person who was born overseas whose usual residence is Australia” (ABS, 2018).

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Example	for example for instance such as including	Adolescents spend hours per day browsing social media applications, such as Facebook, TikTok and Instagram.
Sequence or list (to indicate the order of events, or to separate ideas)	firstly secondly thirdly first then	There are several issues arising from this case. Firstly, the company failed to provide a working environment that was safe and free of risks to health.
Summary	in conclusion in summary to conclude overall	Overall, females reported higher levels of pain post-surgery than men.

Exercise with answers

Exercise:1

1. I enjoy playing tennis ____ I prefer badminton.
2. The weather was cold; ____, we decided to go for a hike.
3. She studied hard ____ she could pass the exam.
4. I like coffee, ____ I don't drink it every day.
5. He was tired; ____, he continued working on the project.
6. She loves to travel ____ she has never been outside the country.
7. I enjoy reading fiction novels ____ I also like non-fiction.
8. The movie was boring; ____, the popcorn was delicious.
9. We had a great time at the beach; ____, the sunburn was worth it.

10. He missed the bus _____ arrived late to the meeting.

Answers:

1. but
2. therefore
3. so that
4. but
5. nevertheless
6. although
7. but
8. however
9. nevertheless
10. and

Exercise-2

Exercise:

1. She wanted to go to the party, _____ she had too much work to finish.
2. The traffic was heavy; _____, we reached the destination on time.
3. He loves playing the piano, _____ he also enjoys playing the guitar.
4. I have a busy schedule; _____, I always find time for my hobbies.
5. The movie was lengthy; _____, the storyline was captivating.
6. She practiced singing every day _____ she wanted to improve her voice.
7. I don't like horror movies, _____ I watched one last night.
8. The book was interesting; _____, it was quite challenging to read.
9. He woke up late; _____, he managed to catch the early bus.
10. I enjoy swimming; _____, I find it very relaxing.

Answers:

1. but
2. nevertheless
3. but
4. however
5. nevertheless
6. because
7. but
8. however
9. nevertheless
10. moreover

