

CONNECTIVES

A **connective** is a word that joins one part of a text to another. Connectives can be conjunctions, prepositions or adverbs. **Connectives** are connecting adverbs that link ideas which may be in different sentences or paragraphs. **Connectives** are **used** between paragraphs or between sentences in order to show a connection between one part of your writing and another.

Coordinating **connectives** (but, and so) link words, phrases or clauses which are equally important. Subordinating **connectives** (if, when, however, because, while) link a main clause with a subordinating (or dependent) clause. In logic, a logical **connective** (**also** called a logical operator) is a symbol or word used to connect two or more sentences (of either a formal or a natural language) in a grammatically valid way, such that the sense of the compound sentence produced depends only on the original sentences.

| USAGE | CONNECTIVE WORDS |
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| addition of ideas | and, also, besides, further, furthermore, too, moreover, in addition, then, of equal importance, equally important, another |
| time | next, afterward, finally, later, last, lastly, at last, now, subsequently, then, when, soon, thereafter, after a short time, the next week (month, day, etc.), a minute later, in the meantime, meanwhile, on the following day, at length, ultimately, presently |
| order or sequence | first, second, (etc.), finally, hence, next, then, from here on, to begin with, last of all, after, before, as soon as, in the end, gradually |
| space and place | above, behind, below, beyond, here, there, to the right (left), nearby, opposite, on the other side, in the background, directly ahead, along the wall, as you turn right, at the top, across the hall, at this point, adjacent to |
| to signal an example | for example, to illustrate, for instance, to be specific, such as, moreover, furthermore, just as important, similarly, in the same way |

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| results | as a result, hence, so, accordingly, as a consequence, consequently, thus, since, therefore, for this reason, because of this |
| purpose | to this end, for this purpose, with this in mind, for this reason(s) |
| comparison | like, in the same manner (way), as so, similarly |
| contrast connectives | but, in contrast, conversely, however, still, nevertheless, nonetheless, yet, and yet, on the other hand, on the contrary, or, in spite of this, actually, in fact |
| to summarize or report | in summary, to sum up, to repeat, briefly, in short, finally, on the whole, therefore, as I have said, in conclusion, as you can see |