

Linking Words and Phrases

To add polish to and to clarify the relationship between elements in your writing, consider using some of the words and phrases below.

Adding information:

additionally
further
either (neither)
as well (as this)
not only (this) but also (that)

also
in addition (to this)
and
besides (this)
or

moreover
furthermore
too
neither/nor
indeed

Giving examples:

such as
as
particularly
including

for example
in particular
to illustrate
by way of example

for instance
especially
notably
as an illustration

Referring to:

concerning (this)
with regards to (this)

regarding (this)
with respect to

considering (this)
on the subject of

Showing similarities:

similarly
in a like manner

likewise
equally

in the same way

Being specific:

that is

namely

specifically

Clarifying:

that is

in other words

Expressing conflicting or contrasting views:

but
by way of contrast
while
on the other hand

in contrast
(and) yet
whereas
though (final position)

however
when in fact
conversely
alternatively

Emphasising:

more importantly

above all

indeed

Expressing unexpected differences:

but even so
 (and) yet
 although
 despite (this)
 regardless (of this)

however
 nevertheless
 though
 in spite of (this)
 notwithstanding (this)

(and) still
 nonetheless
 even though
 albeit
 be that as it may

Showing cause and reason:

being that
 inasmuch as
 in view of (the fact)

since
 because (of the fact)
 owing to (the fact)

in that
 due to (the fact that)
 for

Showing conditional relationships

if
 on (the) condition (that)
 even if
 otherwise

provided that
 in the event that
 only if
 if so

providing that
 given that
 unless

Showing effect or result:

so that
 for this reason
 therefore
 thus
 under those circumstances

in that case
 as a result (of this)
 consequently
 in consequence
 hence

that being the case
 because (of this)
 as a consequence
 accordingly

Demonstrating purpose:

so as to
 in order that

to this end
 with this intention

in order to
 for the purpose of

Showing order and sequence:

initially
 to start with
 after (this)
 afterwards
 before (this)

first
 secondly
 thirdly
 eventually
 next/then

to begin with
 first of all
 previously
 subsequently
 ultimately

Concluding and summarising:

finally
 in the end
 as a final point
 as previously stated
 given these points

eventually
 in summary
 to conclude (with)
 overall
 thus

in conclusion
 in short
 to summarise
 therefore

Reference

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