

## 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                    | also                  | moreover    |
| further                         | in addition (to this) | furthermore |
| either (neither)                | and                   | too         |
| as well (as this)               | besides (this)        | neither/nor |
| not only (this) but also (that) |                       | or indeed   |

### Giving examples:

|              |                   |                          |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| such as      | for example       | for instance             |
| as           |                   | in particular especially |
| particularly | to illustrate     | notably                  |
| including    | by way of example | as an illustration       |

### Referring to:

|                        |                  |                    |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| concerning (this)      | regarding (this) | considering (this) |
| with regards to (this) | with respect to  | on the subject of  |

### Showing similarities:

|                  |          |                 |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| similarly        | likewise | in the same way |
| in a like manner | equally  |                 |

### Being specific:

|         |        |              |
|---------|--------|--------------|
| that is | namely | specifically |
|---------|--------|--------------|

### Clarifying:

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| that is | in other words |
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### Expressing conflicting or contrasting views:

|                    |                         |               |         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|
| but                |                         | in contrast   | however |
| by way of contrast | (and) yet               | when in fact  |         |
| while              | whereas                 | conversely    |         |
| on the other hand  | though (final position) | alternatively |         |

### Emphasising:

|                  |           |        |
|------------------|-----------|--------|
| more importantly | above all | indeed |
|------------------|-----------|--------|

**Expressing unexpected differences:**

|                      |                        |                   |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| but even so          | however                | (and) still       |
| (and) yet            | nevertheless           | nonetheless       |
| although             | though                 | even though       |
| despite (this)       | in spite of (this)     | albeit            |
| regardless (of this) | notwithstanding (this) | be that as it may |

**Showing cause and reason:**

|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| being that                | since  | in that                                  |
| inasmuch as<br>(the fact) | because (of the fact)<br>owing to (the fact) | due to (the fact that) in view of<br>for |

**Showing conditional relationships:**

|                           |                   |                |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| if                        | provided that     | providing that |
| on (the) condition (that) | in the event that | given that     |
| even if                   | only if           | unless         |
| otherwise                 | if so             |                |

**Showing effect or result:**

|                           |                       |                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| so that                   | in that case          | that being the case |
| for this reason           | as a result (of this) | because (of this)   |
| therefore                 | consequently          | as a consequence    |
| thus                      | in consequence        | accordingly         |
| under those circumstances | hence                 |                     |

**Demonstrating purpose:**

|               |                     |                    |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| so as to      | to this end         | in order to        |
| in order that | with this intention | for the purpose of |

**Showing order and sequence:**

|               |            |               |
|---------------|------------|---------------|
| initially     | first      | to begin with |
| to start with | secondly   | first of all  |
| after (this)  | thirdly    | previously    |
| afterwards    | eventually | subsequently  |
| before (this) | next/then  | ultimately    |

**Concluding and summarising:**

|                      |                    |               |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| finally              | eventually         | in conclusion |
| in the end           | in summary         | in short      |
| as a final point     | to conclude (with) | to summarise  |
| as previously stated | overall            | therefore     |
| given these points   | thus               |               |

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