

Connection Words

Connection words serve to connect ideas within and between paragraphs. They offer ways for the writer to signal to the reader the relationship between ideas. Connection words can aid organization, create transition, and help to emphasize points. Moreover, by adding connections judiciously, the writing flows more naturally rather than sounding like a list. The following connection words are listed by function.

To add details

Accordingly, additionally, again, also, and, as, as well as, aside from, at any rate, besides, equally important, especially, for example, for instance, further, furthermore, in addition, in other instances, in particular, in some cases, indeed, moreover, to illustrate, that, which, who

To show cause and effect

As a consequence of, as a result of, for this reason, because, consequently, for, hence, in spite of, on account of, since, so, so that, therefore, thus

To show condition

Depending on, if, in order to, either...or, or, otherwise, since, unless

To order chronologically or in sequence

After, afterwards, again, as before, at present, before, earlier, finally, first, first of all, formerly, in the future, initially, last, lastly, later, many times, next, often, second, secondly, so far, sometimes, subsequently, then, these days, third, to begin with, to conclude, to sum up, today, tomorrow, until, when, whenever, while

To compare/contrast (similarities)

Accordingly, as before, as well as, in comparison, in like manner, just as, likewise, similarly

To compare/contrast (differences)

Although, but, even if, even though, however, in contrast, in other instances, instead, nor, on the contrary, on the one hand, on the other hand, whereas, with the exception of, yet

To show importance

Equally important, especially, even if, for this reason, foremost, importantly, more importantly

To summarize

In brief, in conclusion, in effect, in other words, in short, in sum, in summary