

## SENTENCE CONNECTORS

Connectors help you carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one idea to another, or from one paragraph to another with words or phrases so that there are no sudden jumps or breaks between ideas. Here is a list of some common connectors (**it is best to check the dictionary or a grammar book to see how they are used**) :

### TO ADD/ TO LIST

and	in addition	first of all	third	then
also	in addition to	to begin with	thirdly	as well
besides	moreover	in the first place	finally	as well as
further	first	second	lastly	too
furthermore	firstly	secondly	next	

### TO EXPRESS REASON

because	therefore	because of	as a result of	caused by
since	thus	owing to	for this reason	results from
as	hence	due to	for these reasons	for
so	on account of	the reason for this is...		

### TO EXPRESS RESULT

as a result	accordingly	therefore	thus
as a consequence	consequently	hence	in consequence

### TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE

for example	to demonstrate	such as
for instance	to illustrate	e.g.

### TO EMPHASIZE

in fact	definitely	surprisingly	certainly
indeed	extremely	unquestionably	surely
as a matter of fact	absolutely	without doubt	undoubtedly

### TO EXPLAIN

that is	in other words	to put it differently
namely	to put it in a different way	to put it in another way
that is to say i.e.		

### TO SUMMARIZE/ TO CONCLUDE

in short	to be brief	to conclude	finally	in summary
in brief	to sum up	in conclusion	to summarize	

## **TO SHOW TIME**

at first	after	next	before	at the same time
first	later	afterwards	before that	meanwhile
second	after that	previously	at that time	while
third	then	before	finally	in the meantime
as	when	as soon as	soon	since

## **TO EXPRESS SIMILARITY**

likewise	in the same way	correspondingly
similarly	in the same manner	

## **TO REPEAT**

as aforementioned	as noted before	as has been noted
as explained earlier	as mentioned earlier	as mentioned previously

## **TO EXPRESS TRANSITION**

as far as	with regard to	as regards	as far as X is
concerned	as to	with respect to	regarding

## **TO EXPRESS PURPOSE**

in order to	so as to	so that
to	in order that	with the purpose of

## **TO EXPRESS DIRECT OPPOSITION**

however	conversely	by contrast	but
compared to	on the other hand	in contrast	whereas
by comparison	compared with	on the contrary	contrary to this

## **TO EXPRESS UNEXPECTED RESULT**

however	nevertheless	though	despite
in spite of the fact that	still	nonetheless	although
in spite of	even so	yet	even so
even though	despite the fact that	in any case	

## **TO EXPRESS CONDITION**

so long as	as long as	if
only if	provided (that)	providing (that)

## TO EXPRESS NEGATIVE CONDITION

or else	otherwise
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## TO EXPRESS AN ALTERNATIVE

alternatively	instead	instead of
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## TO PARTICULARIZE

in particular	particularly	specifically
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## TO CORRECT

rather to be precise	to be more precise
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## OTHER SENTENCE CONNECTORS

### 1) both.....and

Both men and women have written to complain that the advertisement was sexist.

### not only.....but also

If the project fails, it will affect not only our department, but also the whole organization.

This washing machine was not only expensive, it's unreliable as well.

### either.....or

We can either eat now or after the show. It's up to you.

### neither.....nor

My doctor told me I should neither smoke nor drink.

### 2) above all (= most importantly)

He misses all of us, but above all he longs to see his family again.

Above all/ most importantly, don't forget to come here on time.

### 3) to a certain extent/to some extent (=partly)

To some extent, she was responsible for the accident.

4) **to a great extent/to a large extent (= mostly)**

To a great extent, people go on holiday there to enjoy the good weather.

5) **in accordance with/ in agreement with**

In accordance with your wishes, I changed my plan.

6) **in terms of**

The Richter Scale measures the intensity of earthquakes in terms of earth movement, while the Mercalli Scale measures the intensity of earthquakes in terms of effects.

7) **out of the question ( = impossible)**

A trip to New Zealand is out of the question this year.

8) **take into account/take into consideration/consider/considering/ in view of**

We cannot adopt your plan for irrigating the area. First of all, we have to take into account the obstacles that must be overcome.

Considering his age, he has made excellent progress in his studies.

In view of the strong market, she invested in stocks.

9) **beyond**

Why he did it is beyond my comprehension.

We can do nothing beyond what we have done already.

10) **depending on**

Depending on what results are required, different methods are used.

11) **concerning/about/with regard to/in connection with**

The journalist wrote some articles concerning prisons and prisoners.

A small problem has arisen in connection with the renewal of the visa.

12) **like/unlike**

Erbil, like her sister, is very eager to learn new things.

Unlike Ali, his sister is quite pessimistic.

**13) as far as ..... concerned (= from ..... point of view)**

As far as we're concerned, you can go whenever you want.

He had been so ill for so long that, from his point of view, death was a blessing.

**14) in proportion to/in relation to**

The tax increases in proportion to the amount you earn.

**15) together with**

Plant disease, together with a prolonged drought, has ruined most of the crops.