LINKING WORDS AND CONNECTORS

Linking Words or Word Connectors are used to link large groups of words: phrases and sentences. You can also use them to connect paragraphs to give them coherence.

CONTRAST

1. HOWEVER

- This restaurant has the best kitchen in town. However, their staff are quite rude.

2. IN CONTRAST

- House prices have gone up this year. In contrast, car prices seem to be stagnating.

3. NEVERTHELESS

- I was in so much pain I didn’t want to get up in the morning. Nevertheless, I went to football practice as usual.

4. NONETHELESS

- I don’t think Sean has serious behavioural problems. Nonetheless, I’ll talk to him first thing in the morning.
5. YET
   • I’ve asked you a thousand times not to leave your dirty socks on the floor. Yet, you keep doing it.

6. ON THE OTHER HAND
   • England has the best language schools. On the other hand, it has the worst weather.

7. BY COMPARISON
   • Going out with Jim has its risks. By comparison, being with Tim is as easy as falling off a log.

8. ON THE CONTRARY
   • I don’t hate Jim. On the contrary, I’m rather fond of him.

9. INSTEAD
   • I didn’t want to take a side in the argument. Instead, I put my headphones on and listened to some smooth jazz.
1. **LIKEWISE**

- You can’t give your phone number to every man who asks for it. Likewise, you can’t go out with everyone who fancies you.
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2. SIMILARLY

- You’re not allowed to use your phone here. Similarly, you have to switch it off when you’re in the library.

3. IN THE SAME WAY

- Cutting down on sugar will help you lose weight. In the same way, doing more exercise will help you get rid of a few kilos.

4. ALSO

- I want to talk to Prince Harry when I’m in England. Also, I want to meet his sister-in-law.

RESULT

1. AS A RESULT

- I’ve done a pranic healing course. As a result, I’ve been able to cure my neighbour’s sick cat.

2. AS A CONSEQUENCE

- Zack has skipped school on many occasions. As a consequence, he’s failed his French test.
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3. THEREFORE

- We’re going to experience some meteor showers in the next few days. Therefore, the number of miraculous self-healings will rise.

4. THUS

- You didn’t tell me you wanted to come. Thus, we won’t be taking you with us.

5. ACCORDINGLY

- Plenty of tourists visit the area in summer. Accordingly, selling hand-made objects is the main source of income for locals.
Connectors of Sequence

- First
- Second
- Third
- Finally
- Next
- Meanwhile
- After
- Before
- Later
- Then
- Subsequently
- First of all
- By the time
- Eventually
- At last
- At the end
- Furthermore
- Further
- Moreover
- Another
- In addition
- Also
- In conclusion
- To summarise
- Afterwards
- Firstly
- Secondly
- Thirdly
- And
- In the end
- Soon

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SEQUENCING

1. FIRST, FIRSTLY, FIRST OF ALL, IN THE FIRST PLACE
   
   - First of all, I’d like to talk about the benefits of having a pet pig.

2. TO BEGIN WITH
   
   - To begin with, pet pigs are cleaner than dogs.

3. FOR ONE THING
   
   - For one thing, they’re completely loyal to their owners.

4. SECOND, SECONDLY, IN THE SECOND PLACE
   
   - Secondly, their impressive numeracy skills must be mentioned.

5. FOR ANOTHER THING
   
   - For another thing, you might want to consider how cute they look in pyjamas.
6. THIRD, THIRDLY, IN THE THIRD PLACE

- In the third place, you can always count on your pet pig to perform some tricks for you when you’d like to impress a pretty girl.

7. ALSO

- Also, they don’t eat much.

8. BESIDES

- Besides not eating much, they won’t ever chew on your electric cords.

9. IN ADDITION

- In addition, they can be taught to feed themselves if you allow them access to your pantry.

10. FURTHERMORE

- Furthermore, they make wonderful walking buddies.

11. MOREOVER
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• Moreover, they’ll show you the way home when you’re drunk.

12. FINALLY

• Finally, pet pigs are fantastic guards. No burglar would ever have the heart to hurt a pet pig.

13. LAST, LASTLY, LAST OF ALL

• Lastly, your reputation as an eccentric will rapidly grow in the neighbourhood if you’re seen walking a pet pig on a leash every morning.
**Sequence Connectors & Example Sentences**

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<td><strong>Furthermore</strong></td>
<td>Reading books help to learn new information, furthermore, it helps to keep the brain cells fresh.</td>
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<td>First, brush your teeth, then go room.</td>
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<td>Next, leave it for 5-10 minutes, depending on the tea.</td>
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<td>My son may not be brilliant, but all in all As far as I know he did quite well in his exams.</td>
<td><strong>Besides</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Eventually</strong></td>
<td>It might take her five weeks but she will do it eventually.</td>
<td><strong>In the end</strong></td>
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<td><strong>In addition</strong></td>
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I’d like to talk to you about how to keep calm at your workplace. Most importantly, never go to the canteen while your boss is there.

You’ll have to focus on your immediate surroundings. Primarily, on your computer screen.

Above all, don’t ever look up from your notes when people are around.

Most significantly, avoid eye-contact at all costs.

(usually spoken)
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- How can I put this? Essentially, having an affair with one of your colleagues should be the last thing on your mind.

FOCUSING AND LINKING

1. **AS FOR** (often suggests disinterest or dislike)

   - I’m going to Janet’s party at the weekend. As for Mary’s, I think I’ll pass.

2. **WITH RESPECT TO**

   - Starting your own IT company may be the one of the best things you can do right now. With respect to opening a pet shop, it’s hard to say the same thing.

3. **REGARDING**

   - Start your day with making the most important phone calls. Regarding emails, you might put them off until later.

4. **WITH REGARD TO**

   - With regard to handling complaints, you might want to keep in mind that your customers are always right.
5. AS REGARDS

- Working from home has many advantages. As regards disadvantages, it might be difficult to keep your cat off your keyboard.

6. TALKING OF

- Talking of cats, you can’t trust them to keep you company when you need it. They’re quite selfish creatures.

7. AS FAR AS ... CONCERNED

- As far as dogs are concerned, they might give you a chance to get up from your desk and get some exercise during the day.

CONCLUSION

1. IN CONCLUSION

- In conclusion, it may be said that pigs make the best pets.

2. IN BRIEF
Meeting my boss at the pub was an interesting experience. In brief, it was a disaster.

3. IN SUMMARY

In summary, it may not be the best idea to frequent the same pubs as your boss.

4. TO SUM UP

To sum up, some people are better suited to working from home than others.

5. ALL IN ALL

All in all, you have to make sure both you and your customers are satisfied with your work.

I thought it was a good idea to get a ferret. Rather, it had always been my dream to get one.

2. TO BE MORE PRECISE
You might want to change a few things. To be more precise, I think you should start again from scratch.

**TIME**

1. **AT FIRST**

   - It wasn’t a piece of cake to learn English. At first, I couldn’t pronounce all the words correctly.

2. **THEN**

   - Then, I couldn’t spell all the words correctly.

3. **AFTERWARDS**

   - Afterwards, I had a hard time understanding the tenses.

4. **LATER**

   - Later, I couldn’t memorize phrasal verbs and idioms.

5. **IN THE MEANTIME**
In the meantime, I was getting some help from MyEnglishTeacher.

Meanwhile, I was enjoying my skype lessons more and more.
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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IN SPITE OF/ DESPITE /ALTHOUGH/ EVEN THOUGH

The main difference between although, even though, in spite of and despite is that they are used with different structures.

*in spite of / despite*

After in spite of and despite, we use a noun, gerund (-ing form of a verb) or a pronoun.

- They never made much money, in spite of their success.
  In spite of the pain in his leg, he completed the marathon.
  Despite having a headache, I had a great birthday.
  The train was cancelled. In spite of that, we arrived on time.

Note that it is common to use in spite of and despite with the expression the fact that, followed by a subject and verb.

In spite of the fact that he worked very hard, he didn't pass the exam.
Despite the fact that he worked very hard, he didn't pass the exam.

*although / even though*

After although and even though, we use a subject and a verb. Even though is slightly stronger and more emphatic than although.
Linking Words and Connectors

- I enjoyed the course, although I would have liked more grammar practice. Although we saw each other every day, we didn't really know each other. Even though she spoke very quietly, he understood every word. She didn't get the job, even though she had all the necessary qualifications.

**though**

*Though* can be used in the same way as *although*.

*Though I wasn't keen on the film, I thought the music was beautiful.*

*Though* can also go at the end of the second phrase. This way of expressing contrasting ideas is most common in spoken English.

*We waited ages for our food. The waiter was really nice, though.*

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