

Linking words – Common connectives to link sentences together when writing an essay

ADDITION	SEQUENCE	CONSEQUENCE	CONTRAST
In addition to Furthermore Moreover Besides And Similarly Likewise In the same way Another Also Along with Including As a bonus Plus Notwithstanding Nonetheless Not only... (but) also... Next Then Additionally To elaborate In the same way	First, second, third Initially To begin with Next Following this Finally Ultimately Eventually The key aspects discussed	As a result Thus Hence Therefore That is why For that reason Consequently Then In such a case Admittedly The evidence suggests ...influences... ...emphasizes on... ...proves that... ...presupposes... ...impacts on... ...leads to... ...causes... The effect is...	However On the one hand... on the other hand... Despite In spite of Though Although But On the contrary Contrary to Yet Nevertheless Nonetheless Notwithstanding Granted... but... Despite this... In contrast Alternatively While Whereas (middle of sentence) Conversely
CERTAINTY	CONDITION	TIME	BACKGROUND
Obviously Patently Undoubtedly Evidently undeniably it is undeniable that it makes no doubt that	If Unless Whether Provided that For Depending on	Before From then on Since As Until Meanwhile At the moment Presently Currently When Whenever As soon as Just as Subsequently Thereafter	In the past Formerly Prior to this Conventionally Initially Until now Historically Over time Foundational to this The traditional interpretation Traditionally Originally Recently
EXAMPLE	REASON / CAUSE	DEFINITION	SUMMARY
For instance For example As an example In particular Namely To illustrate this point As illustrated by... Specifically ...supports... ...exemplifies... Such as e.g. in the case of...	Since, as Because (of) Due to Owing to The reason why The reason for this is In other words Thanks to	Is Refers to Means That is Stands for Consists in Such as Like In fact actually	In conclusion To conclude In brief In other words To summarize To sum up Ultimately All in all All things considered In short In a nutshell It has been shown that On the whole

PRESENTING UNCOMMON IDEAS	PRESENTING COMMON IDEAS	HYPOTHESES AND INCONCLUSIVE IDEAS	KEEPING ‘I’ OUT OF ACADEMIC WRITING
Seldom Rarely ...is scarce.. ...hardly ever occurs	It is a well-known fact that... Almost all Commonly ...is prevalent... Most.../ Several... Numerous... Countless amounts of...	Perhaps ...might be... ...is a possibility.	It can be argued Arguably It may be said that One might think that... One might say that... One point of view is that...
PRESENTING OTHER PEOPLE’S IDEAS	OPINION	EMPHASIS	NOTE: THERE ARE MANY OTHERS!!
According to.. As explained by... As identified by... As stated by... With regard to... X argued that... Based on the idea of... X pointed out that...	It strikes me that For my part As far as I am concerned It is my firm belief that I am convinced that It seems to me that	Above all Especially In particular Indeed Mainly Notably Significantly Specifically ... is a case in point	

REMINDER – Basic recommendations

- **Avoid ‘so’!**
- **Avoid contracted forms!**
- **Avoid ‘we’!**