

LINKING WORDS / Les mots de liaison

Que ce soit à l'oral ou à l'écrit, les mots de liaison témoignent de l'organisation de votre pensée et de vos idées. Ils rendent votre propos plus intelligible pour votre interlocuteur. Avant de les utiliser, il faut donc vous demander si votre propos est une nouvelle idée, une idée différente, offre une conséquence, une cause, une concession, un argument, un exemple etc.

1) Match the linking word with its function

Match each link word with the correct function.

1. Moreover 2. For instance 3. However 4. Therefore 5. In other words 6. First of all 7. As a result 8. Indeed 9. Nevertheless 10. In addition 11. Besides	a . introducing a consequence b. giving an example c. adding an idea d. introducing a contrast e. explaining an idea differently f. organising the presentation g. emphasising a point
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2) Choose the correct linking word

Choose the most appropriate linking word from the list below:

Moreover – For example – However – Therefore – In other words – In addition – As a result – First of all – Indeed – Nevertheless

- a) _____, we need to consider the economic consequences of this decision.
- b) Social media can be useful for staying in touch with people. _____, they can also have negative effects on mental health.
- c) Many young people are concerned about climate change. _____, a large number of them try to reduce their use of plastic.
- d) Public transport is often cheaper than using a car. _____, it can help people save money.
- e) Some countries have introduced strict laws to reduce pollution. _____, France has banned some single-use plastic products.
- f) The cost of living has increased considerably. _____, many families are finding it difficult to make ends meet.
- g) The government claims that the reform will benefit everyone. _____, some groups strongly disagree.

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- h) The problem is particularly serious in large cities. _____, housing prices have increased dramatically in many urban areas.
- i) The measure may seem unpopular at first. _____, it could have positive consequences in the long term.
- j) The government needs to act quickly. _____, it needs to introduce measures before the situation gets worse.

3) Improve the paragraph

The following paragraph contains too many repetitions of **and**, **but** and **because**.

Rewrite it using appropriate linking words (you don't need to change all the words in bold character). Try to use at least **5 different linking words**.

Social media has many advantages **and** it allows people to communicate easily. **And** it can be useful for sharing information. **But** social media can also have negative effects. People spend too much time online **and** they can become addicted. **And** young people can compare themselves to unrealistic images. **But** social media can also be used for educational purposes. **For example**, students can watch educational videos **and** follow experts. Social media therefore has both advantages **and** disadvantages.

- 4) Fill in this recap chart, you can add other linking words:

Linking word	Function
Adding an idea	
Giving another point	
Giving an example	
Explaining / clarifying	
Contrasting ideas	
Giving a reason	
Showing a consequence	
Emphasising a point	
Organising ideas	
Concluding	