



# LINKING WORDS & PHRASES

Within a sentence	Between sentences	Between paragraphs
<b>Sequencing</b>		
<b>and then</b> <b>and this was followed by</b>	<b>First</b> , this essay examines ... <b>Secondly</b> , it will analyse ... <b>Finally</b> , it will evaluate ...	The <b>first</b> limitation is ... A <b>second</b> advantage is... A <b>final</b> reason is ...
<b>Sequencing in time</b>		
<b>when</b> <b>as</b> <b>while, whilst</b> <b>after</b> <b>before</b> <b>then</b> The <b>next</b>  The Council <b>then</b> decided ... The <b>next</b> stage is to ... <b>When</b> the invasion occurred...	<b>Until then</b> , no research had ... <b>Until now</b> , no research has ... <b>After</b> the 2010 Canterbury earthquake ... <b>Before</b> the first World War, ... <b>Subsequently</b> , they found ... <b>Currently</b> , there are no ... <b>Throughout</b> this decade ... <b>In the past three years</b> , there has been no ... <b>In future</b> , we might see ...	You can also use the between-sentence linking words (as appropriate) between paragraphs. In addition, try to use key words from the previous paragraph to add to cohesion of ideas.
<b>Showing contrast</b>		
<b>yet</b> <b>but</b> <b>rather than</b> <b>otherwise</b>	<b>However</b> , other scholars disagree. <b>Even so</b> , more needs to be done. <b>Nevertheless</b> , it ... <b>Instead</b> , the committee agreed... <b>On the contrary</b> , they found ... <b>In contrast</b> , Smith (2016) argues ... <b>On the other hand</b> , it could be argued that ... <b>Alternatively</b> , it could be argued that ...	<b>Despite</b> the arguments outlined above ...  <b>While</b> the argument above shows ....  You can also use the between-sentence linking words as appropriate. Use key words from the previous paragraph to add to cohesion.



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### ***Showing similarity***

such as  
Smith (2017) presents a  
similar argument

also  
as well as

**Likewise**, the graph shows ...  
**In the same way**, Smith (2017)  
argues ...  
**Similarly**, several scholars have  
noted ...  
**A parallel argument** is put  
forward by ...

**Likewise**,  
**In the same way**,  
**Similarly**,  
**A similar framework** was  
developed by...

You can use the between-  
sentence linking words  
as appropriate. Use key  
words from the previous  
paragraph to add to  
cohesion.

### ***Expanding an argument***

and  
also

**For example**, a designer could...  
**In addition**, the statistics reveal  
...  
**Furthermore**, it is obvious that  
...  
**Another** key reason is...  
**Moreover**, it seems unlikely  
that ...

**A further example of ...**

You can use the between-  
sentence linking words as  
appropriate. Use key  
words from the previous  
paragraph to add to  
cohesion.

### ***Showing cause and effect***

because  
since  
for  
so, so that  
If..., then...

**For this reason**, historians  
conclude ...  
**Therefore**, it can be concluded  
that ...  
**As a result**, the project was  
never completed.  
**Consequently**, the funding was  
stopped.  
**Thus**, less water will be wasted

**For the reasons  
presented above ...**

### ***Showing conditionality***

They agreed **provided that** ...  
The Bill should pass **unless** ...

**In the event that**, ...  
**If** we accept this finding, **then** ...  
**Under the circumstances**, the  
opposition should...

**In the above case ...**  
**Under these  
circumstances ...**

### ***Resisting conditionality***

although  
even though  
whether

**Although** this might be the  
case, ...  
**Despite** this situation, ...  
**In spite of** this situation, ...