



## Connection Words

Connection words serve to connect ideas within and between paragraphs. They offer ways for the writer to signal to the reader the relationship between ideas. Connection words can aid organization, create transition, and help to emphasize points. Moreover, by adding connections judiciously, the writing flows more naturally rather than sounding like a list. The following connection words are listed by function.

### To add details

Accordingly, additionally, again, also, and, as, as well as, aside from, at any rate, besides, equally important, especially, for example, for instance, further, furthermore, in addition, in other instances, in particular, in some cases, indeed, moreover, to illustrate, that, which, who

### To show cause and effect

As a consequence of, as a result of, for this reason, because, consequently, for, hence, in spite of, on account of, since, so, so that, therefore, thus

### To show condition

Depending on, if, in order to, either...or, or, otherwise, since, unless

### To order chronologically or in sequence

After, afterwards, again, as before, at present, before, earlier, finally, first, first of all, formerly, in the future, initially, last, lastly, later, many times, next, often, second, secondly, so far, sometimes, subsequently, then, these days, third, to begin with, to conclude, to sum up, today, tomorrow, until, when, whenever, while

### To compare/contrast (similarities)

Accordingly, as before, as well as, in comparison, in like manner, just as, likewise, similarly

### To compare/contrast (differences)

Although, but, even if, even though, however, in contrast, in other instances, instead, nor, on the contrary, on the one hand, on the other hand, whereas, with the exception of, yet

### To show importance

Equally important, especially, even if, for this reason, foremost, importantly, more importantly

### To summarize

In brief, in conclusion, in effect, in other words, in short, in sum, in summary