

LINKING WORDS
Functions

Discourse markers link one idea to another in speech or writing. They clarify relationships between sentences and ideas for listeners or readers. The following words may have more than one function.

COMPARISON			
Similarly	Similar to	similar manner	Like
Just as	Just like	To be alike	Likewise
Almost the same as	The same as	In the same way	To have in common
As if	As though	Correspondingly	as (adj /adv) as
Identical(ly)	In relation to	Equal / Equivalent to	To resemble

CONTRAST			
However	Nevertheless	Still	Although
(Even) though	Despite/ In spite of	Despite the fact that	Whereas
In contrast	But	While	On the other hand
On the contrary	By (In) contrast	To compare to/ with	In comparison to
Conversely	Otherwise	Alternatively	Unlike
To differ from	Yet	Nonetheless	After all
Apart from	On (the) one hand	In practice	In theory

COMMENT & ATTITUDE			
Fortunately	Unfortunately	Incidentally	Normally
Typically	Interestingly	Surprisingly	Astonishingly
Ideally	Obviously	Honestly	Frankly
Personally	Clearly	Theoretically	Seriously
Predictably	Strongly	Miraculously	Understandably
Confidentially	Simply	Economically	Officially
Bitterly	Exactly	Precisely	Reasonably

PURPOSE			
For	In order (not) to do...	So as (not) to do...	So that

DEGREE & EXTENT& INTENSITY & EMPHASIS

Moderately	Pretty	Quite	Relatively
Rather	Increasingly	Somewhat	Up to a point
Too	Almost	Practically	Completely
To some extent	To a great extent	To a limited extent	Thoroughly
Extremely	Exceedingly	Grossly	Notably
Significantly	Dramatically	Considerably	Immeasurably
Sufficiently	Adequately	Enough	Partly
Partially	Excessively	Mainly	Mostly
Fully	Approximately	Roughly	Just about
Greatly	Enormously	Highly	Noticeably
Really	Terribly	Truly	Unusually
Immensely	Tremendously	Entirely	Markedly
Barely	Profoundly	Virtually	Hugely
Pretty much	Fantastically	Amazingly	Outstandingly
Astoundingly	Absolutely	Undeniably	Unquestionably
Admittedly	Indeed	In fact	Particularly
Primarily	Incredibly	Naturally	More or less
Always	Increasingly	Entirely	Strongly
Evidently	Specifically	In particular	So
Such	Definitely	Certainly	Utterly
Remarkably	Undoubtedly	Awfully	Terribly
Eminently	Severely	Intensely	Acutely

ADDITION & SEQUENCE

In addition	Furthermore	Moreover	Also
And	As well as	And now	Besides
For one thing...	Additionally	By this I mean	More importantly
One more point	First(ly)	To begin with	To start with
The first point	First of all	Initially	In the first place
The first feature	Secondly	Third(ly)	Subsequently
Next earlier	After that	Then	Afterwards
The former	The latter	What is more	Not only...but also
Later	Lastly	Ultimately	Finally

CAUSE

For	Because	Since	As
Because of	Due to	That's why	The result of
The reason for	In the view of	For the sake of	By virtue of
Hence	now that	so (adj /adv) that	On account of

RESULT

So	As a result	In consequence of	Consequently
Therefore	Thus	Accordingly	For this reason

RESTATEMENT & CONCLUSION

In brief	In short	In a word	Generally
On the whole	Overall	In conclusion	In summary
In other words	all in all	That implies	As a general rule
In some senses	To be more precise	To be exact	To put it simply
That is (to say)	To sum up	To conclude	To summarise

ALTERNATIVE

Or	either ...or	whether ...or...	Instead
Instead of	Rather than	Alternatively	Interchangeably

EXAMPLE

For example	For instance	A prime example	Including
Namely	In this case	In another case	Take the case of
To illustrate	To clarify this point	To take another example	In particular
Such as	Like	A case in point is	particularly
Particularly	A good example of this is	In case of	As a model/sample

CONDITION

If	Even if	If so	If not
Provided that	Providing	On condition that	Depending on
It (all) depends on	Unless	Otherwise	As long as

TIME & FREQUENCY			
As soon as	Just as	Meanwhile	While
When	Immediately	Lately	Recently
Now	During	Since	For
Shortly before	Long before	Shortly after	Soon after
Long after	In the (near) future	As long as	These days
Nowadays	At present	At the same time	At the moment
Until very recently	Until	After	before
By the time	Ever since	Since then	Later
Whenever	So far	Simultaneously	Eventually
At last	Gradually	Little by little	Bit by bit
Hardly ever	Regularly	Normally	Soon
In no time	Later	Constantly	Over and over
Currently	All the time	Most of the time	Now and then
Now and again	Just now	In the course of time	Sooner or later
In due course	Prior to	Always	Occasionally
From time to time	At times	Sometimes	Once in a while
Pretty often	Pretty frequently	Seldom	Almost never
Scarcely	Almost always	Every now and then	Periodically
At (regular) Intervals	Commonly	All the time	On and off
(Every) now and then	Continuously	Intermittently	Rarely
Predominately	On a regular basis	On a daily basis	On occasion (s)
Once in a while	As usual	Every day/week	Every other day/week

CERTAINTY & PROBABILITY			
Definitely	Certainly	Most probably	Probably
Maybe	Perhaps	Possibly	Supposedly
Un/likely	Highly unlikely	Presumably	seemingly