

# PROGRAMME PASSERELLE

## LEÇON N°4 – LES LINK WORDS

### 1 Making a new start

(oral) Well, ... / Now, ... / So, ... (Alors / Bon / Donc,...)

### 2 Changing the subject

Au fait, ... = By the way, ...

En fait, ... = ACTUALLY = In fact = As a matter of fact,...

### 3 Listing, adding, reinforcing

First, ...                      OR                      Firstly, ...

Then, ...    Secondly, ...

Finally, ...    Thirdly, ...

Last but not least ("le dernier mais pas le moindre") = Enfin...

**N. B :** First, ... = D'abord, ... → First, I'd like to talk about... // At first, ... = Au début, ... / Au premier abord, ... → At first, I couldn't stand her, but after a while I realized she was a good person.

(= *Au début / Au premier abord, je ne pouvais pas la supporter, mais après un certain temps, je me suis rendu compte que c'était quelqu'un de bien.*)

**Pour commencer, ...** = To begin WITH / To start WITH...

**Pour conclure, ...** = To conclude, ... / As a conclusion, ...

**De plus, ...** = Moreover, ... / Furthermore, ... / Plus, ... / On top of that, ... / Besides, ... (d'ailleurs) / What's more (qui plus est), ...

**En tout cas, ... / De toute façon, ...** = In any case, ... / At any rate, ... / Anyway, ... (oral, très utilisé)

**De même, / De la même façon ...** = Similarly, ... / Likewise, ... / In the same way, ...

**Aussi** = also + verbe / too. / as well. (**également**)

[She also likes chicken. / She likes chicken too / as well.]

#### 4 Summarizing / consequence

**Pour résumer, ...** = To summarize, ... / To sum up, ... ("to resume" = faux ami → reprendre le cours de qqch)

In a word, ... / In a nutshell, ... / In short, ... / All things considered, ... (To cut a long story short,

**Donc / Ainsi, ...** = Thus, ... / Therefore, ... / So, ... / As a result, ... / **Par conséquent, ...** = As a consequence, ... / Consequently, ...

#### 5 Explaining/ rephrasing / illustrating

**c'est-à-dire** = That is / That is to say / i.e (latin : id est)

**En d'autres termes, ...** = In other words, ... **Ce que je veux dire c'est que...** = "What I mean is ..."

**Par exemple** = FOR example = for instance / such as (**tel que**) / like (**comme**)

#### 6 Contrast / condition / conceding

**Pourtant, ...** = (And) Yet, ...

**Cependant, ...** = However, ...

**D'un côté, ...** = On the one hand / **D'un autre côté, ...** = On the other hand, ...

**Néanmoins, ...** = Nevertheless, ... / Nonetheless, ...

**Alors que, ... / Tandis que, ...** = sentence + while / whereas + sentence

**Contrairement à** = unlike + noun / pronoun

**Bien que** = Although / Though\* / Even though + sentence

\* ...though. = **par contre**

**Malgré** = In spite of / Despite + noun

**"quand même"** = Still, ... / All the same, ...

**Sinon** = or else, ... / otherwise, ... (autrement) / If not, ...

**à moins que** = unless + sentence

**à condition que** = provided = providing / as long as

## 7 Cause

**parce que** = because + sentence // **à cause de** = because of + noun // **car** = for (lit.)

**puisque** = since / as (comme) / given (étant donné que)

N.B. (1) : "for" = pour // pendant // depuis // car

N. B. (2) : comme = like + noun or as + sentence // as + noun = en tant que, en qualité de

Suivi d'un nom, "like" = comparaison alors que "as" = identification : I swim like a fish ! // I work as a teacher.

## 8 Other useful expressions when telling a story...

**Suddenly, ...** = soudain

**All of a sudden, ...** = tout à coup

**Meanwhile, ... / In the meantime, ...** (entre-temps)

## 9 Coordination ("But where is Ornicar ? XD")

and or but

both ... and ... (aussi bien ... que ...)

either ... or ... (soit ... soit ...)

neither ... nor ... (ni ... ni ...)

## 10 Opinion

**Selon moi** = In my opinion, ... / In my view, ... / To me, ... / **De mon point de vue, ...** = From my point of view, ... / As for me, ... (**quant à moi**) → marque plus une opposition

**En ce qui me concerne** = As far as I'm concerned, ...

**ACCORDING TO** + autre personne que "me" (**selon, d'après**)

I think / believe / am convinced that ...