

# CONTRAST

## 1. HOWEVER

- *This restaurant has the best kitchen in town. However, their staff are quite rude.*

## 2. IN CONTRAST

- *House prices have gone up this year. In contrast, car prices seem to be stagnating.*

## 3. NEVERTHELESS

- *I was in so much pain I didn't want to get up in the morning. Nevertheless, I went to football practice as usual.*

## 4. NONETHELESS

- *I don't think Sean has serious behavioural problems. Nonetheless, I'll talk to him first thing in the morning.*

## 5. YET

- *I've asked you a thousand times not to leave your dirty socks on the floor. Yet, you keep doing it.*

## 6. \* ON THE OTHER HAND

- *England has the best language schools. On the other hand, it has the worst weather.*

## 7. BY COMPARISON

- *Going out with Jim has its risks. By comparison, being with Tim is as easy as falling off a log.*

## 8. ON THE CONTRARY

- *I don't hate Jim. On the contrary, I'm rather fond of him.*

## 9. INSTEAD

- *I didn't want to take a side in the argument. Instead, I put my headphones on and listened to some smooth jazz.*

# **SIMILARITY**

## **1. LIKEWISE**

- *You can't give your phone number to every man who asks for it. Likewise, you can't go out with everyone who fancies you.*

## **2. SIMILARLY**

- *You're not allowed to use your phone here. Similarly, you have to switch it off when you're in the library.*

## **3. CORRESPONDINGLY**

- *She's an excellent photographer. Correspondingly, her paintings are works of art.*

## **4. IN THE SAME WAY**

- *Cutting down on sugar will help you lose weight. In the same way, doing more exercise will help you get rid of a few kilos.*

# **RESULT**

## **1. AS A RESULT**

- *I've done a pranic healing course. As a result, I've been able to cure my neighbour's sick cat.*

## **2. AS A CONSEQUENCE**

- *Zack has skipped school on many occasions. As a consequence, he's failed his French test.*

## **3. THEREFORE**

- *We're going to experience some meteor showers in the next few days. Therefore, the number of miraculous self-healings will rise.*

## **4. THUS**

- *You didn't tell me you wanted to come. Thus, we won't be taking you with us.*

## **5. ACCORDINGLY**

- *Plenty of tourists visit the area in summer. Accordingly, selling hand-made objects is the main source of income for locals.*

## SEQUENCING

### 1. FIRST, FIRSTLY, FIRST OF ALL, IN THE FIRST PLACE

- *First of all, I'd like to talk about the benefits of having a pet pig.*

### 2. TO BEGIN WITH

- *To begin with, pet pigs are cleaner than dogs.*

### 3. SECOND, SECONDLY, IN THE SECOND PLACE

- *Secondly, their impressive numeracy skills must be mentioned.*

### 4. THIRD, THIRDLY, IN THE THIRD PLACE

- *In the third place, you can always count on your pet pig to perform some tricks for you when you'd like to impress a pretty girl.*

### 5. BESIDES

- *Besides not eating much, they won't ever chew on your electric cords.*

### 6. IN ADDITION

- *In addition, they can be taught to feed themselves if you allow them access to your pantry.*

### 7. FURTHERMORE

- *Furthermore, they make wonderful walking buddies.*

### 8. MOREOVER

- *Moreover, they'll show you the way home when you're drunk.*

### 9. FINALLY

- *Finally, pet pigs are fantastic guards. No burglar would ever have the heart to hurt a pet pig.*

### **13. LAST, LASTLY, LAST OF ALL**

- *Lastly, your reputation as an eccentric will rapidly grow in the neighbourhood if you're seen walking a pet pig on a leash every morning.*

## **ORDER OF IMPORTANCE**

### **1. MOST IMPORTANTLY**

- *I'd like to talk to you about how to keep calm at your workplace. Most importantly, never go to the canteen while your boss is there.*

### **2. PRIMARILY**

- *You'll have to focus on your immediate surroundings. Primarily, on your computer screen.*

### **3. ABOVE ALL**

- *Above all, don't ever look up from your notes when people are around.*

### **4. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY**

- *Most significantly, avoid eye-contact at all costs.*

### **5. ESSENTIALLY, BASICALLY**

*How can I put this? Essentially, having an affair with one of your colleagues should be the last thing on your mind.*

## **PARTICULARIZATION**

### **1. IN PARTICULAR, PARTICULARLY**

- *Nearly a third of marriages end in divorce. In particular, it's middle-aged couples that yearn for much more from life.*

### **2. MORE SPECIFICALLY**

- *Couples tend to argue about financial issues. More specifically, they argue when one of them is out of work.*

## **EXAMPLIFICATION**

## **1. FOR EXAMPLE**

- *To solve this problem, you might want to try making small gestures. For example, making your spouse's favourite meal for dinner or giving him a massage after a tiring day.*

## **2. FOR INSTANCE**

- *Appreciate the small things your spouse does for you. For instance, leave thank-you notes for them every now and then.*

## **3. TO ILLUSTRATE**

- *Misunderstandings can be highly destructive. To illustrate, if your spouse sees you with a friend of the opposite sex in a café, he might not understand why he hasn't been invited and demand an explanation.*

# **EXPLANATION**

## **1. THAT IS TO SAY, THAT IS**

- *Keep romance alive. That is to say, don't let your lovelife fall into routine.*

## **2. NAMELY**

- *I have a very good reason for not trusting my ex. Namely, he's a convicted felon.*

## **3. IN OTHER WORDS**

- *Don't be unsociable. In other words, go out and make some friends.*

## **4. PUT DIFFERENTLY**

- *John has managed to get over Jane. Put differently, he's started seeing other women.*

# **EMPHASISING**

## **1. AS A MATTER OF FACT**

- *I love sleeping with my pet pig. As a matter of fact, I can't fall asleep unless he's in my bed.*

## **2. IN FACT**

- *I told them not to invite Rachel to the party. In fact, I was the only person who saw what a party pooper she really was.*

### **3. INDEED**

- *He may be the best-dressed man around. Indeed, he has a really good taste in fashion.*

## **FOCUSING AND LINKING**

### **1. AS FOR** (often suggests disinterest or dislike)

- *I'm going to Janet's party at the weekend. As for Mary's, I think I'll pass.*

### **2. WITH RESPECT TO**

- *Starting your own IT company may be the one of the best things you can do right now. With respect to opening a pet shop, it's hard to say the same thing.*

### **3. REGARDING**

- *Start your day with making the most important phone calls. Regarding emails, you might put them off until later.*

### **4. WITH REGARD TO**

- *With regard to handling complaints, you might want to keep in mind that your customers are always right.*

### **5. AS REGARDS**

- *Working from home has many advantages. As regards disadvantages, it might be difficult to keep your cat off your keyboard.*

### **6. AS FAR AS ... CONCERNED**

- *As far as dogs are concerned, they might give you a chance to get up from your desk and get some exercise during the day.*

## **CORRECTION**

## **1. RATHER**

- *I thought it was a good idea to get a ferret. Rather, it had always been my dream to get one.*

## **2. TO BE MORE PRECISE**

- *You might want to change a few things. To be more precise, I think you should start again from scratch.*

# **TIME**

## **1. AT FIRST**

- *It wasn't a piece of cake to learn English. At first, I couldn't pronounce all the words correctly.*

## **2. THEN**

- *Then, I couldn't spell all the words correctly.*

## **3. AFTERWARDS**

- *Afterwards, I had a hard time understanding the tenses.*

## **4. LATER**

- *Later, I couldn't memorize phrasal verbs and idioms.*

## **5. IN THE MEANTIME**

- *In the meantime, I was getting some help from **MyEnglishTeacher**.*

## **6. MEANWHILE**

- *Meanwhile, I was enjoying my skype lessons more and more.*