

Golden phrases for speaking and writing

1. Look at each set of phrases below, then cover the English and tick the ones you understand.
2. Next, cover the German and say or write the phrase by looking at the English translation.

Describing and comparing	
im Vergleich zu	in comparison to
im Gegensatz zu	in contrast to
Einerseits ... andererseits	on the one hand ... on the other hand
gleichzeitig	at the same time
im Prinzip (+ <i>verb second</i>)	in principle
Es scheint, dass (+ <i>verb to the end</i>)	it appears that
offensichtlich	obvious/obviously
in diesem Fall	in this case
nicht nur ... sondern auch ...	not just ... but also ...

Convincing (+ <i>verb second</i>)	
auf jeden Fall	definitely
zweifellos	doubtless
kurz gesagt	in short
sicher ist es, dass (+ <i>verb to the end</i>)	it's certain that

Expanding (+ <i>verb second</i>)	
eigentlich	actually
außerdem	besides/moreover
jedoch	however
trotzdem	nonetheless
auf alle Fälle	in any case
sonst	otherwise

Connectives (+ <i>verb to the end</i>)	
da/weil	since/because
dass	that
sobald	as soon as
solange	as long as
obwohl	although
damit	so that
wenn	if/whenever
ob	whether
nachdem	after
seitdem	since
während	while
warum*	why
wo*	where

*These look like question forms, but they also connect, for example:

Ich weiß nicht, warum er spät ist. = I don't know why he is late.

Es ist sehr schön, wo ich wohne. = It is very nice where I live.