**Linking words**

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| **Addition:**   * In addition * Similarly * Likewise * As well as * Besides * Furthermore * Also * Moreover * And then too * Not only……but also * Apart from that   **Sequencing:**   * First(Firstly) * Second (secondly) * Lastly/finally * First and foremost * To begin with * Following this/That * Next * Afterwards * Then * After this/that   **For certainty:**   * Certainly * Admittedly * Undoubtedly * Irrefutable   **For reasons:**   * Since * So * Because of * Due to * Owing to * The reason why * Cause | **Result to:**   * As a result * Thus * So * Therefore * consequently * Thereby * Eventually * Admittedly * That in the case * Resulting to * Leading to/leads to * Dire consequences   **For Example:**   * For instance * For example * Such as * Namely * To illustrate * To give an example * Significantly * Importantly   **For condition:**   * If * Unless * Provided that * Depending on * Whether * Seemingly * Apparently * So that | **Contrast:**   * However * Despite * In spite of * Though /although * But * on the contrary * Contrarily * Otherwise * Yet * Instead of * Rather * Whereas * Nevertheless * Even though * Compared with * In contrast * Alternatively * On the other hand * Alternatively   **Conclusion:**   * In conclusion * To conclude * To Sum-up * In Summary * Summarizing * Overall * To reiterate * Reiterating all the facts * To recapitulate * Recapitulating all the facts * Above all * All things considered   **For time:**   * Before * Since * Meanwhile * Until * When |

**Linking words Examples:**

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| **Similarly,** - Obesity is a problem caused by junk foods. Similarly, back pain, reduced strength of bones is also some disadvantages of fast food. | **Likewise-** the population rises and hence the products consumed also rise in proportion. Likewise, the rubbish produced by them shows a similar trend of increment. |
| **As well as-** The pathetic condition of roads as well as lax laws lead more to road mishappenings. | **Besides-** Besides the above stated reasons, computer games also lead to many diseases and affect bodily functions negatively. |
| **Moreover-** Too much freedom can let teenagers stray to dark paths of illegal activities detrimental for their future. Moreover, excessive freedom has been observed to have effect on their studies. | **Furthermore-** Electricity has made human lives more efficient by providing lighting in darkness. Furthermore, most of the modern machines used today are run by electricity. |
| **Not only…but also**- Not only the lungs suffer from excessive smoking but also the senses of smell and taste dull. | **Also-** Both parents working can make children feel adrift and away from familial love that they are entitled to also, many couples do not get enough time to spend with each other and hence family ties can become weak. |
| **However-** Without animal testing, many procedures would be extremely unsafe for humans. However, animals do not owe humans anything and using such inhuman tactics is not the solution. | **On the other hand-** As a result of advertisements people often buy goods impulsively and without due consideration. On the other hand, advertisements can only suggest, not force a consumer to buy something. |
| **Despite-** Despite various arguments for it, a global currency would bring ruin and devastation on many countries. | **Instead of**- Instead of being totally dependent on technology one should remember to be at the helm of their life’s ship. |
| **Alternatively-** Alternatively, moving industries to regional areas would allow development to gain pace in the countryside. | **Provided that-**Government may use this as evidence to support their argument, provided that we bear in mind the limitations of the methods used to obtain it. |
| **For instance-** Some birds migrate to avoid harsher winter climates. Swallows, for instance, leave the UK in early winter and fly south…” | **Never the less-** The study had its limitations, but it was nevertheless groundbreaking for its day. |
| **In conclusion-** In conclusion, the evidence points almost exclusively to argument that not everything that a person learns is contained in books. | **Importantly-** Importantly, graduates were being employed by companies as per their work experience, and were presumably therefore under pressure to portray the situation more favorably than they perhaps might otherwise have done. |

Essays should be written in passive voice to make it wordier. Depending on who you want to focus on (the action or the subject) if the subject is unwanted or not needed or if you don’t want to use any person then passive voice is the best.

ACTIVE VOICE- subject + verb + object (I eat an apple.)

PASSIVE VOICE-object + verb + subject (An apple is eaten by me.)

**Example-** All the effective environment policies had been taken by the government in order to curb major environmental threats.