**Linkers to show similarity**

**Similarly**

**Also**

**Too**

**Both** (*Helen picked up both her suitcase and umbrella.)*

**As well** *(Helen picked up her suitcase and her umbrella as well.)*

**Linkers to contrast**

**But**

**Though/although** *(Maria went to school. She was ill, though. Although Maria was ill, she went to school.)*

**However** (*Maria was ill. However, she went to school*. *Maria went to school. She was ill, however*.)

**In spite of/despite** *(In spite of her illness, Maria went to school. Despite her illness, Maria went to school.)*

**On the other hand** is used to introduce a contrasting opinion (*Television has many advantages. On the other hand, television has been blamed for encouraging children to sit indoors, instead of taking exercise*.)

**While/whereas** *(While/whereas some experts expect the Government to win the election, most believe that the opposition will win.)*

**In contrast**

**Unlike**

**Except**

**Linkers to introduce the reason and the result**

**Because**

**So**

**As a result**

**Consequently**

**Therefore**

**Since** meaning **because** *(Since it was raining she took an umbrella)*

**Linkers to add some extra information**

**In addition**

**Besides**

**Moreover**

**Furthermore**

**What’s more**

**Linkers to introduce examples**

**For example**

**For instance**

**Such as** *(In hot countries, such as Greece, people tend to eat more fruits.)*