***Connectors:***

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| Meaning | Linking words |
| Giving opinion | * I’m going to talk about * Talking about… * That said … (=but) * Well, to be honest,… * Honestly,… * Without a doubt,… * Yeah, I reckon… * For sure, in my view,… * I guess so * As the master of fact |
| Beginning an answer | * Well, fisrt of all * Well, to kick of * For starters * From the outset |
| Adding information | * Another thing is… * On top of that,… * As far as I know,… * To my knowledge,… * In addition * And come to think of it |
| Adding emphasis | * I’d go as far as to say,… * As a master of fact,… * And here’s the thing, apparently… |
| Giving example | * For instance,… * You can see this with… |
| Clarifying | * If we are talking about, ... . |
| Contrasting | * However,… * Said that,… * At the same time,… |
| Concluding | * To sumarize * In a nutshell * To sum up * Overall * Basically * All in all |
| Connect with previous answers | * So as I was saying / as I mentioned… * So remember how I was telling you about… |

***Paraphrase of some common words:***

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| I have to tell you the truth | * I must confess * I must admit |
| Very difficult | * A real struggle |
| To be honest | * Tobe totally up front * Quite honsetly |
| Why | * How come |
| Such as | * Namely |

***Position***

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| Ability | * I’m an expert/a professional at … * I can … in my sleep |
| * I can’t … to save my life * I don’t know the first thing about… * I’m absolutely clueless about … |
| Identify the similarities/differences | * There’s a world of difference between…and… * On of the major constracts/distinguishing features is … * I can’t draw a distinction between… and… |
| State result | * Supposing that … * On condition that… |
| State the most striking feature | * … incredibly… * … absolute * … terribly … |
| State what you least like/enjoy | * I am sicked by … * … a real turn-off |
| State who person/where the place is | * The one person who really … is * There’s no one like… * Nobody compares to * The one place which really…is * There’s no place like… |
| State what ranks the highest | * … runs rings around the others * … takes the cake |

***Support***

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| State reason | * The reason why … * The reason behind this is … * The most obvious explanation |
| Provide an example | * A classic/prime/fine/typical of this is … * There’s no better example than… * In one case |
| Discuss the benefits | * The beauty of this is … * The good thing about this is… |
| Mention the drawbacks | * The bad thing about this is… * The main disadvantage is... |
| Personal experiences | * In my experience * Back in the day * When I was I kid * One of my most harrowing experience was… |
| Give a result | * At the end of the day * … the product/result of |
| State opinion immediately | * In my opinion * I strongly belive that * To the best of my knowledge |
| Explain a point more clearly | * What I’m trying to say is… * What I mean is … |
| Make a comparison | * If you compare … to * In/by comparison * I guess this is quite **peculiar** * … which I guess the norm in … * … not the case with * … a completely different story… |
|  | * Then again * All the same * Despite/in spite of * On the other hand * Alternatively |
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