

# Linking words/ discourse markers for IELTS Writing

# *Furthering arguments/ to add something:*

Discourse markers	Sentence example
Moreover	Traffic jam conditions are the worst in Dhaka, <b>moreover</b> , pollution is increasing day by day.
Furthermore	It is expensive, <b>furthermore</b> , the service is not satisfactory.
In addition to this	<b>In addition to this</b> , electronic gadgets can harm mental health.
Likewise	The government should create awareness regarding this; <b>likewise</b> , general people need to understand the importance.
Correspondingly	The population of the city has grown over the past decade; <b>correspondingly</b> , housing prices have raised.
Corresponding with this	As online education has gained popularity, <b>corresponding with this</b> , many universities are developing digital learning platforms.
By the same token	The new policy has increased employee satisfaction; <b>by the same token</b> , it has improved the productivity.

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Similarly	The government should create awareness regarding this; <b>similarly</b> , general people need to understand the importance.
Equally	During the natural disaster, the government funded to help the victims; <b>equally</b> , general people and students came forward.
In the same way	During the natural disaster, the government funded to help the victims; <b>in the same way</b> , general people and students came forward.
This can also be true in .....	Learning from mistakes is important for personal growth; <b>this can also be true in</b> team work.

# *Counter arguments/ to contrast:*

Discourse markers	Sentence example
Contrasting with	Many people prefer traditional art forms, <b>contrasting with</b> the growing popularity of digital art among younger generations.
Conversely	Some people enjoy fast-paced lifestyles; <b>conversely</b> , others prefer a more laid-back approach to life.
Whereas	She prefers to read fiction in her free time, <b>whereas</b> her brother enjoys non-fiction books.
Others might argue	Some believe that social media enhances communication; <b>others might argue</b> it leads to greater isolation.
However	The project was completed on time; <b>however</b> , it went over budget.
Nevertheless	The task was challenging; <b>nevertheless</b> , the team managed to complete it.
Nonetheless	The presentation had some technical issues; <b>nonetheless</b> , it was well-received by the audience.

# *Continued....*

Discourse markers	Sentence example
On the contrary	Some believe that technology isolates us; <b>on the contrary</b> , it can foster connections and bring people closer together.
In comparison	Traveling by train can be a scenic and relaxing experience. <b>In comparison</b> , flying often feels rushed and stressful due to security checks and waiting times.
In spite of this	The smartphone market is highly competitive. <b>In spite of this</b> , the brand gained popularity with its unique design
Although	<b>Although</b> he found the new software difficult to use, he quickly learned the key features with practice
When measured against	The latest survey results are promising. <b>When measured against</b> last year's data, customer satisfaction has risen considerably.
In opposition to this	Many analysts predict a downturn in the economy. <b>In opposition to this</b> , some experts argue that innovation will drive growth.
On the other hand	Smartphones offer convenience and connectivity. <b>On the other hand</b> , they can reduce face-to-face interaction.

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Contrarily	Many believe that technology has made communication easier. <b>Contrarily</b> , some argue that it has led to more misunderstandings and less face-to-face interaction.
Alternatively	We can go to the beach for our vacation. <b>Alternatively</b> , we can consider a mountain visit also.
Despite	The restaurant received some negative reviews online. <b>Despite</b> this, it continues to attract a loyal customer base.
Notwithstanding	<b>Notwithstanding</b> the long journey, we had a great time on our trip.
By contrast	The first book was very serious and dark. <b>By contrast</b> , the sequel is much lighter and humorous.
Unless	We can't start the meeting <b>unless</b> everyone is here.
Otherwise	You should hurry, <b>otherwise</b> you'll miss the train.
Rather	I don't think we should go out tonight; <b>rather</b> , we could stay in and watch a movie.
Yet	The project is challenging, <b>yet</b> we're making good progress.

# *Sequencing Arguments:*

Discourse markers	Sentence example
First and foremost	<b>First and foremost</b> , we need to address the budget issues before we can move on to planning the new project.
Primarily	<b>Primarily</b> , the training program aims to develop leadership skills.
To begin with	<b>To begin with</b> , it's essential to understand the market trends.
Initially	<b>Initially</b> , our plan was to launch the product in the summer. However, we later decided to postpone the launch to the fall for better market timing.
In the first place	<b>In the first place</b> , it is important to establish trust among team members.
Firstly	<b>Firstly</b> , we need to identify our primary objectives for this project.
Secondly	<b>Secondly</b> , we will start the experiments.
Lastly/ finally	<b>Lastly</b> , we will measure the success of this project.
Moreover/ Furthermore	Traffic jam conditions are the worst in Dhaka, <b>moreover/furthermore</b> , pollution is increasing day by day.
In addition	The study reveals a strong correlation between exercise and mental health. <b>In addition</b> , it highlights the importance of a balanced diet.

# *Emphasis*

Discourse markers	Sentence examples
Particularly	I enjoy many outdoor activities. <b>Particularly</b> , hiking allows me to connect with nature and get some exercise at the same time.
Essentially	The findings of the study are quite clear. <b>Essentially</b> , they suggest that a balanced diet significantly impacts overall health.
Above all	We have several products available. <b>Above all</b> , we must ensure the quality.
Clearly	The team's performance has improved significantly over the last quarter. <b>Clearly</b> , the new training program is making a positive impact.
In large	The report highlights several key issues. <b>In large</b> , it reflects the ongoing challenges.
Primarily	<b>Primarily</b> , the training program aims to develop leadership skills.
Most of all	I enjoy many aspects of my job, but <b>most of all</b> , I appreciate the opportunity to learn.
Especially	We need to improve our communication strategies. <b>Especially</b> , with remote teams.

# *Illustration/Exemplification*

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For instance	Many fruits are high in vitamin C. <b>For instance</b> , oranges and kiwis are excellent sources of this essential nutrient.
To illustrate	There are various ways to enhance learning in the classroom. <b>To illustrate</b> , many educators have started using technology to engage students.
For example	Many fruits are high in vitamin C. <b>For example</b> , oranges and kiwis are excellent sources of this essential nutrient.
Specifically	Many countries are facing economic challenges. <b>Specifically</b> , inflation rates are rising.
In the words of experts.....	Many factors contribute to climate change. <b>In the words of experts</b> , reducing greenhouse gas emissions is crucial.
According to experts/ many people....	Social media has transformed communication. <b>According to many people</b> , it has made it easier to connect with others but also increased feelings of isolation.

# Concluding Arguments

Discourse markers	Sentence example
Certainly	<b>Certainly</b> , we should consider all the possible solutions before making a decision.
Consequently	She studied sincerely for the exam; <b>consequently</b> , she achieved a high score.
Subsequently	He missed the bus; <b>subsequently</b> , he arrived late to the conference.
Therefore	The weather forecast predicts heavy rain; <b>therefore</b> , we should postpone the outdoor event.
Admittedly	<b>Admittedly</b> , it was a risky decision, but it ultimately paid off in the end.
When all factors are taken into account	<b>When all factors are taken into account</b> , the benefits of the new policy clearly outweigh the disadvantages.
Finally it can be seen that	We discussed many ideas; <b>finally, it can be seen that</b> teamwork is important.
Thus	The team worked hard to meet the deadline; <b>thus</b> , the project was completed on time.
In conclusion	<b>In conclusion</b> , eating healthy is important for staying fit.