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VOCABULARY FOR IELTS

HOW TO USE  
LINKING WORDS  
PART 3

# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN?

- **LINKING WORDS** to add more information
- **LINKING WORDS** to give a list of arguments
- **LINKING WORDS** to describe a result
- **LINKING WORDS** to describe a contrast
- **LINKING WORDS** to describe a similarity
- **LINKING WORDS** to give examples
- **LINKING WORDS** to give reasons
- **LINKING WORDS** to describe purpose
- **LINKING WORDS** to introduce topic/point
- **LINKING WORDS** to give clarification
- **LINKING WORDS** to give emphasis
- **LINKING WORDS** to describe level
- **LINKING WORDS** to summarise
- Mistakes **IELTS** candidates make with **LINKING WORDS**



# PRACTICE WITH LINKING WORDS

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 1

Many parents are worried about the amount of food their children eat. **In addition,/For instance**, they are concerned that youngsters do not sleep well enough or get sufficient quantities of fresh air and exercise.

## Answer

Many parents are worried about the amount of food their children eat. **In addition**, they are concerned that youngsters do not sleep well enough or get sufficient quantities of fresh air and exercise.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 2

Climate change has many possible causes. Experts point to the fact that we are using far greater amounts of heating and lighting than we used to. **Moreover,** **Nevertheless,** the massive rise in air travel is probably a contributory factor.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 3

There are three main reasons why children behave badly at school. **Lastly,/Firstly**, peer pressure is very important for adolescents and they can impress their fellow-students by annoying the teacher. **Secondly**, the subject being taught may actually be too difficult for them to follow. **Finally,/In summary**, school-children often get bored because the teacher is uninspiring or the subject is irrelevant.

## Answer

There are three main reasons why children behave badly at school. **Firstly**, peer pressure is very important for adolescents and they can impress their fellow-students by annoying the teacher. **Secondly**, the subject being taught may actually be too difficult for them to follow. **Finally**, school-children often get bored because the teacher is uninspiring or the subject is irrelevant.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 4

There are several important issues relating to the causes of youth unemployment. **First and foremost,/As a consequence,** it is necessary to consider the issue of poor education. Students tend to leave school under-qualified and ill-prepared for the labour market.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 5

The price of fuel has rocketed over the past few months. **As a consequence,/In addition**, many households now find it impossible to pay their heating bills and frequently have to endure the cold.

## Answer

The price of fuel has rocketed over the past few months. **As a consequence**, many households now find it impossible to pay their heating bills and frequently have to endure the cold.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 6

Alcoholic drinks are usually sold at football matches. **For instance,/As a result,** fans become drunk and sometimes behave violently towards supporters of opposing teams.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 7

**When questioned, most members of the public claim that they are in favour of stiffer prison sentences for serious offenders. **Similarly,/In contrast**, the vast majority are in favour of re-introducing the death penalty for murderers.**

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 8

In Brazil, the natural habitats of several endangered species have been turned into farmland, threatening the existence of some of the planet's most beautiful and vulnerable animals. **Likewise,/However**, in parts of Africa, trees have been chopped down to allow crops to be grown, which means that creatures like monkeys and elephants have far fewer safe spaces to live in.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 9

**Despite/Because of** the warnings which ecologists have given us about the future of the planet, most individuals still continue to use finite resources without seeming to care about the consequences.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 10

Many soldiers and members of the armed forces seem very keen to avoid war at all costs. **In addition,/In contrast**, some of our leading politicians appear determined to start armed conflicts.

## Answer

Many soldiers and members of the armed forces seem very keen to avoid war at all costs. **In contrast**, some of our leading politicians appear determined to start armed conflicts.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 11

It would be relatively easy to increase life expectancy. **For example,/ As a result,** if sugary foods were banned and all citizens were made to do regular exercise, our population would certainly live longer.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 12

English is becoming a dominant language in many different areas. **For instance,/ In contrast,** anyone working in the worlds of business, entertainment and travel needs a good command of the English language.

## Answer

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# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 13

**Because of/Because** unemployment has risen so much in parts of North Africa, thousands of young adults have chosen to make the perilous journey to Europe where they hope to find work.

## Answer

**Because** unemployment has risen so much in parts of North Africa, thousands of young adults have chosen to make the perilous journey to Europe where they hope to find work.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 14

Studies have suggested that crime may have fallen **on account of the fact that/so that** the number of police officers and other law-enforcement agents has been increased.

## Answer

Studies have suggested that crime may have fallen **on account of the fact that** the number of police officers and other law-enforcement agents has been increased.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 15

**More children should be vaccinated against the most serious diseases **as to/to** prevent their spread.**

## Answer

**More children should be vaccinated against the most serious diseases **to** prevent their spread.**

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 16

The number of wild animals has actually increased in some parts of the region **owing to the fact that/so that** governments have increased security to stop animals being killed, in order to attract more tourists to see them.

## Answer

The number of wild animals has actually increased in some parts of the region **owing to the fact that** governments have increased security to stop animals being killed, in order to attract more tourists to see them.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 17

Many school-leavers who decide to become undergraduates go to university **owing to/with the aim of** getting a good degree and a well-paid job.

## Answer

Many school-leavers who decide to become undergraduates go to university **with the aim of** getting a good degree and a well-paid job.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 18

**Most of us are quick to see the faults of others. However, with regard to/specifically our own errors and mistakes, the average human seems entirely blind.**

## Answer

**Most of us are quick to see the faults of others. However, with regard to our own errors and mistakes, the average human seems entirely blind.**

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 19

There is a clear link between the number of engineering graduates a country produces and that country's future prosperity. **Generally speaking/To put it another way**, economic growth can be stimulated by making sure school-leavers choose engineering Degrees and by ensuring that the courses they take are of a high quality.

## Answer

There is a clear link between the number of engineering graduates a country produces and that country's future prosperity. **To put it another way**, economic growth can be stimulated by making sure school-leavers choose engineering Degrees and by ensuring that the courses they take are of a high quality.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 20

It is generally believed that the quality of life has gone up in the last few decades. **The most compelling evidence is that/In conclusion**, surveys of the public generally indicate that people are happier with areas of their life such as health, employment, family, accommodation and free time.

## Answer

It is generally believed that the quality of life has gone up in the last few decades. **The most compelling evidence is that** surveys of the public generally indicate that people are happier with areas of their life such as health, employment, family, accommodation and free time.



# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 21

**A point often overlooked is that/In general terms,** the number of university applicants has fallen slightly in recent years. However, there are some subjects which are more popular than ever.

## Answer

**In general terms,** the number of university applicants has fallen slightly in recent years. However, there are some subjects which are more popular than ever.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 22

Life can be extremely difficult. **Especially/In the final analysis** for the disabled, the elderly and the vulnerable, day-to-day living has immense challenges.

## Answer

Life can be extremely difficult. **Especially** for the disabled, the elderly and the vulnerable, day-to-day living has immense challenges.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 23

**In summary,/For example,** although there are strong arguments in favour of banning younger people from entering fast food restaurants, I feel that on balance it would be a retrograde step.

## Answer

**In summary,** although there are strong arguments in favour of banning younger people from entering fast food restaurants, I feel that on balance it would be a retrograde step.

# EXERCISES

(DECIDE WHICH WORD IS CORRECT)

## Question 24

**In conclusion,/Consequently,** education should be free for all. There are important economic, social and moral reasons why allowing everyone to attend school without paying is right. I hope that in the future, an increasing number of governments will realise the merits of this argument and implement this important policy.

## Answer

**In conclusion,** education should be free for all. There are important economic, social and moral reasons why allowing everyone to attend school without paying is right. I hope that in the future, an increasing number of governments will realise the merits of this argument and implement this important policy.

# WHAT SHALL I DO NOW?

- **Study the language in this lesson**
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