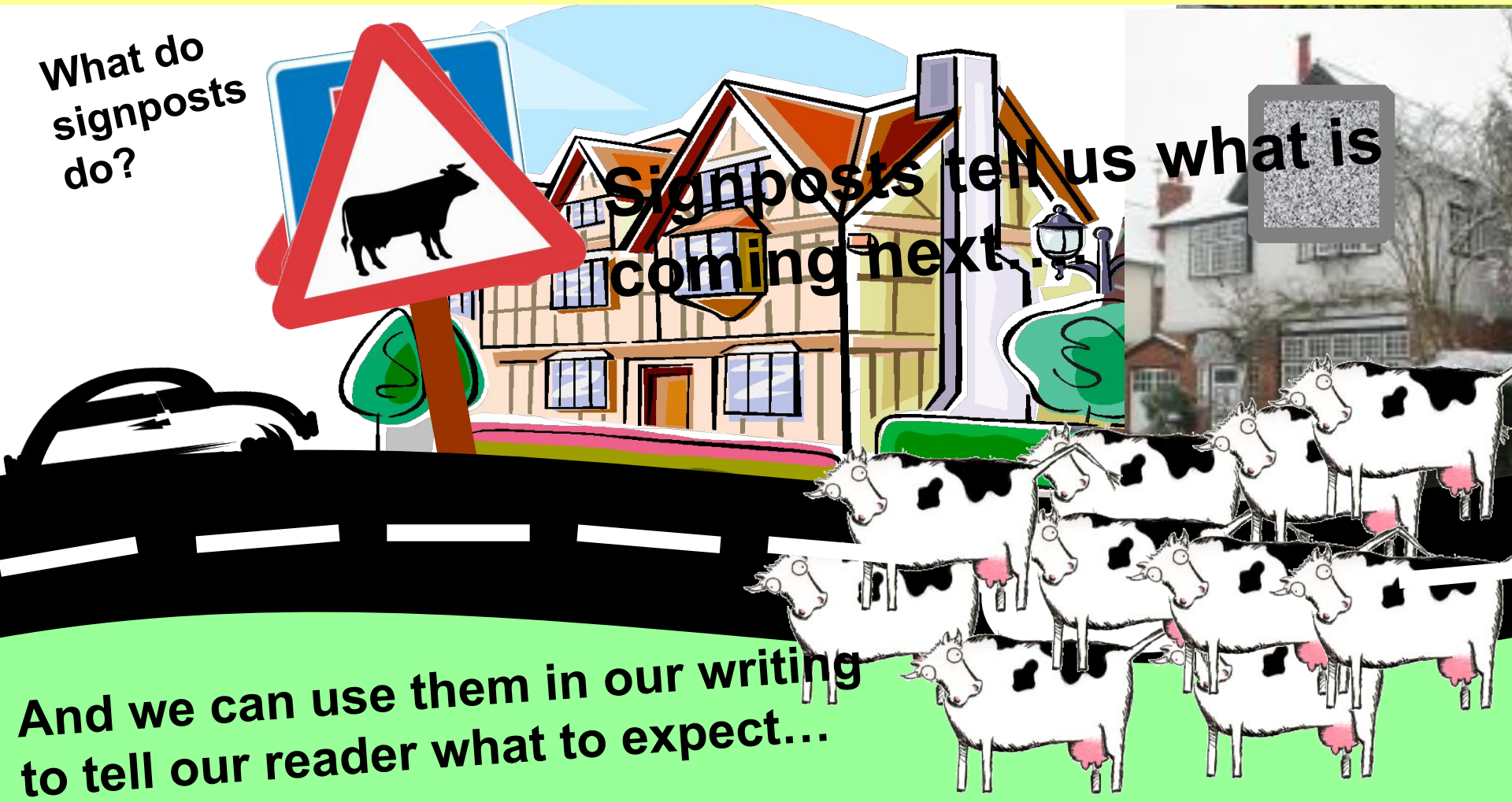


Using Connectives As Signposts

- Lesson Objectives:**
1. Explore the way connectives signpost readers through a text
 2. Be able to use connectives in our own writing



Explore the way connectives signpost readers through a text

Read at the letter from a resident to a local paper.

How does s/he signpost us through his/her argument?

Which type of
connective does
this writer NOT
use?

OPPOSING CONNECTIVE:

Introduces an opposite argument.

TIME CONNECTIVE:

Shows the order of your points.

ADDING CONNECTIVE:

Adds a further point.

RESULT CONNECTIVE:

Introduces a result or solution.

Match the connective with the right box

Explore the way connectives signpost readers through a text

OPPOSING CONNECTIVE:

Introduces an opposite argument.

however, although, nevertheless, on the other hand, in contrast, though, alternatively, anyway, yet, in fact, even so, whereas

2 Many towns and cities have been blessed by new housing developments, which not only look modern, but are also attracting new, desirable people into the area. What do we have? Rundown estates where all of the houses look the same: cheap, untidy and uncared for. Gardens are littered with old furniture or broken down vehicles that are slowly rusting. Young children roam the streets half-dressed whilst neighbours argue over broken fences. Would you want to live here?

1. Re-read paragraph 2.

2. What possible counter-arguments could be given to his/her argument that nothing has been done to improve the town?

Draft a paragraph of counter-argument to paragraph 2. Use an opposing connective from the box!





Imagine the anonymous letter was written about the area that you live in. Write a letter of reply to your local newspaper, arguing that your town is a great place to live.

To be successful I must:

- Write in paragraphs so that I have a clear structure.
- Use a range of connectives to signpost my readers through my points.
- Include counter arguments to the points made in the anonymous letter.

TIME CONNECTIVE:

Shows the order of your points.

first, then, after, later, secondly, thirdly, finally, to begin with, next, in sum, to conclude, in a nutshell

OPPOSING CONNECTIVE:

Introduces an opposite argument.

however, although, nevertheless, on the other hand, in contrast, though, alternatively, anyway, yet, in fact, even so, whereas

ADDING CONNECTIVE:

Adds a further point.

also, too, similarly, in addition, indeed, let alone, furthermore, moreover, likewise

RESULT CONNECTIVE:

Introduces a result or solution.

therefore, consequently, as a result, so, then, because, since, as, for,

A letter

Imagine this letter is printed in your local paper. Read it through carefully.

Dear Editor,

- 1 I often ask myself: why do I live in this pathetic town? Whilst neighbouring towns and cities are full of new developments and improvements, our town continues to be left behind. We are a community failing to move with the times and I am ashamed to say I live here.
- 2 Many towns and cities have been blessed by new housing developments, which not only look modern, but are also attracting new, desirable people into the area. What do we have? Rundown estates where all of the houses look the same: cheap, untidy and uncared for. Gardens are littered with old furniture or broken down vehicles that are slowly rusting. Young children roam the streets half-dressed whilst neighbours argue over broken fences. Would you want to live here?
- 3 The town centre is old fashioned and dirty. Every other shop is either a charity shop or a discount store. Why can't we attract some of the well-known high street stores? Why should the decent folk have to drive ten miles to another town to buy quality goods or use decent leisure facilities? The answer is simple. Nobody will invest in this town whilst we allow violence, thuggish behaviour and criminal damage to dominate our high street.

- 4 Furthermore, all of the decent people have moved away leaving only the scum. Every street seems to have its resident gang of yobs who spend their evenings dropping litter, defacing public buildings and/or intimidating innocent citizens such as myself. Discipline is what is needed but the parents are too busy enjoying themselves at the local pub to notice where their children are or what they are doing. As for drugs – the law does not seem to apply to some of our local citizens. Where will it all end?

- 5 Overall, we live in the most depressing, boring and unfriendly town. I hope somebody at the local council realizes what is happening to our once civilized community and soon. Let us see some money being spent in our area and some effort being put into restoring public pride. Let us see the community standing up to the drug dealers, the joy riders and the hooligans. Finally, let us see a town that is built for the twenty-first century.

Yours faithfully,

Anonymous

Glossary

- Editor** – the person in charge of a newspaper (also a person who prepares written material for publication)
- invest** – use money to make a profit, e.g. by lending it in return for interest
- defacing** – spoiling the surface of
- intimidating** – frightening by threats
- restoring** – repairing, mending
- Anonymous** – a word used to hide a person's real name from the public