

Linking Arguments

First of all, I think ...

Not only that, but I also think that ...

Not only are they ..., they are also ...

They are not ..., nor are they ...

There are various/several/many reasons for this.

First, ... / Firstly, ...

Second, ... / Secondly, ...

Moreover, ... / Furthermore, ... / In addition, ...

Another significant point is that ...

Finally, ...

On the one hand, ... On the other hand, ...

In contrast to this is ...

Because of ...

That is why ...

After all, ...

The reason is that ...

In that respect ...

The result of this is that ...

Another aspect/point is that ...

It is because ...

Although it is true that ... it would be wrong to claim that ...

That may sometimes be true, but ...

One could argue that ..., but ...

Additions and Conclusion

Most probably ...

It appears to be ...

It is important to mention that...

As I already indicated ...

In other words, ...

I am most concerned about ...

I should like to repeat once again that ...

I should like to emphasise that ...

I would (just) like to add ...

So all in all I believe that...

(In) summing up it can be said that ...

Weighing the pros and cons, I come to the conclusion that ...

Providing Examples

Take for example (the case of) ...

Look at ...

For instance ... / For example ...

Let me give you an example.

LINKING OR TRANSITION WORDS CHART

Emphasizing	Reformulating	Summing up	Concluding	Introducing ideas and facts	Condition
As a matter of fact In fact Indeed	That is to say In other words Namely To put things differently	In short All things considered To sum up In a nutshell	Last but not least As a conclusion To conclude Finally	First of all First / Firstly To begin with	If Unless Provided that Imagine / Suppose Whether As long as
Consequence	Temporal	Contrast	Adding ideas	Choice	Introducing example
As a result Therefore As a consequence Consequently Eventually So Thus That's why	After (sth) Afterwards As As soon as Since Then Next Suddenly	But However Nevertheless Yet as opposed to unlike whereas While Instead of + (Ving /N..) On the one hand On the other hand	Also Moreover Furthermore In addition Besides What's more Not only...but also (but as well)	Neither...nor Either...or Or Whatever Whenever Wherever Whoever	For example For instance Such as /like
Opinion	Explaining cause	Concession	Purpose	iSLCollective.com	
In my opinion As far as I'm concerned To my mind = <i>In my opinion</i> It seems to me that... To my mind	As Because + sentence Because of + N /Pr In so far as Since The reason why ... is	Although /Though Even though Despite/In spite of Apart from/except for But for	In order to To So as to So that		

LINKING WORDS

To show contrast

but
however
although
on the other hand
in contrast

To show similarity

similarly
like
equally
in a similar way
likewise

To give examples

for example
e.g.
such as
for instance

To express result

so
then
consequently
therefore
as a result
thus

To express reasons

because
since
due to
that is why

To express sequence

first
to start with
then
afterthis/
afterwards
finally/lasty

To clarify/explain

in other words
that is to say
i.e.
to put in
another way

To conclude

in short
briefly
to sum up
to summarise
in conclusion

To add information

and
also
in addition
besides
not only ... but also

LINKING WORDS

Linking words in English are words that are used to combine or link in one sentence two statements presenting contrast, comparison, condition, supposition, purpose, etc.

Linking Words	Example of use
As long as provided (that) providing	You can take my car as long as/provided (that)/providing you don't damage it. (I will lend you my car on condition that you don't damage it.)
Although/even though	Although/even though he is rich, he lives in a small house. (In spite of the fact that he is rich, he lives in a small house.)
Even if	He is poor and has no house, but even if he had money, he wouldn't buy a house. (Supposing he had the money, he still wouldn't buy a house.)
In case	Take an umbrella in case it rains. It might rain, so it's a good idea to take an umbrella.)
In spite of / despite	In spite of/despite the rain, she walked to the station. in spite of/despite being blind, he walked to the station. (without being affected by the rain or by being blind.)
So that	She arrived early so that she could help her colleagues. (She arrived early for the purpose of helping her colleagues.)
Whatever	You can count on me whatever you decide to do. (No matter what your decision is, you can count on me.)
Whereas	Tom is rich, whereas Jack is poor. (Tom is rich; in contrast Jack is poor.)
Whenever	I will lend you my car whenever you need it. (No matter when you need my car, I will lend it to you.)
Wherever	My thoughts will be with you wherever you go. (No matter where you go, my thoughts will be with you.)