

LINKING WORDS

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ADDITION

Also – too – As well – In addition – Moreover – Besides – Not only But also

1. Mark speaks 4 languages. He **also** has 5 years of experience.
2. Mark speaks four languages. He has five years of experience **too / as well**.
3. He speaks 4 languages. **In addition / Besides / Moreover**, he has 5 years of experience.
4. Mark **not only** speaks 4 languages, **but also** has 5 years of experience.

PURPOSE

To – In order to – so as to – so that – for

1. The student is doing his best **to / in order to / so as to** achieve excellent results.
2. The student is doing his best **so that** he can achieve excellent results.
3. The student is doing his best **for** success.

- To /in order to /so as to + verb
- So that + Subject + can
- For +noun

CAUSE

Because – Since – as – because of – due to – thanks to

1. We didn't go on a picnic **because / since / as** it rained.
2. We didn't go on a picnic **because of / due to** the rain.
3. I could achieve my dream **thanks to** my parents' efforts

- **Because of / due to / Thanks to** + noun
- **Because / since / as** + Subject + Verb

EFFECT

So – therefore – As a result – consequently – Because of this – that's why

1. It rained. **So/ therefore / As a result**, we postponed the match.
2. It rained. **Consequently / Because of this/ because of this**, we postponed the match.

EXERCISE 1 : CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE LINKING WORD TO FILL IN THE GAP

1. I didn't do dinner _____ everybody wanted to eat out (**since – also**)
2. My parents are generous _____ they are poor. (**because – although**)
3. _____ fever, the boy insisted on going to school (**although - in spite of**)
4. He didn't stop smoking _____ the doctor's warning (**however – despite**)
5. He didn't come on time. _____ he missed the first class. (**in addition – consequently**)
6. The book is interesting. _____ everyone wants to buy one. (**for example -for this reason**)
7. We couldn't see anything _____ the fog. (**because of - for**)
8. He didn't revise his lessons . _____ he fails all his tests . (**Because of this- in order to**)
9. She used to eat junk food. _____ She becomes very obese. (**since - As a result**)
10. They use the internet _____ learning. (**to - for - so that**)

CONCESSION

But – However –Nevertheless- Despite this –Still –Yet – Although – Even though – Even if –Despite – In spite of

1. It was raining. **However /Nevertheless /Despite this / Still / Yet**, we played football
2. **Although / even though / even if** the girl is nice, everybody hates her.
3. Everybody hates the girl **although / even though / even if** she is nice.
4. **In spite of / despite** the rain, we went to school.
5. We went to school **despite / in spite of** the rain
6. **Despite / in spite of** feeling tired, she did all her homework

- **Despite / In spite of** + Noun / Verb +ing
- **Although / Even though / even if** + Subject + Verb

CONTRAST

While – Whereas – In Contrast

1. Cities are noisy and stressful **whereas** the countryside is calm and relaxing.
2. **While** cities are stressful, the countryside is calm and relaxing.

GIVING EXAMPLES / EXPLAINING

For example – For instance – such as – like – In other words – To illustrate

1. I can play a few instruments, **for example / for instance /such as / like**, the flute, the guitar, and the piano.
2. He wasn't honest. **In other words**, he lied.

SUMMARIZING / CONCLUSION

To summarize – In brief – To sum up – All in all – To conclude – In conclusion – In short

*I like playing football. I also love to go swimming or cycling. **To summarize / In brief / All in all/**, I am fond of sports.*

EXERCISE 2 : FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORDS

(despite – due to – that's why – whereas – in addition – because of – As a result – although)

1. Mr. Philips is talkative, _____ his wife is shy and reserved.
2. Jelloul speaks three foreign languages _____ he has never been to school.
3. The doctor says that Amal's sleeping problems are _____ the long hours she spends online
4. Sandy had to cancel her trip to Turkey _____ health problems.

EXERCISE 3 : REWRITE THE SENTENCES

1. John worked hard. He wanted to get his degree with honour
In order
2. Taha Hussein was blind. Yet, he wrote a lot of books.
Although
3. The students planted many trees. They cleaned all the classrooms too.
The students not only