

# Linking words

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## **Result/consequence**

so/so that  
therefore/thus/hence  
consequently/as a consequence/result  
for this/that reason  
because of this/that

it follows that

## **Listing**

first, second, third  
firstly, secondly, thirdly  
in the first place  
next  
finally/lastly

## **Reinforcement**

also/in addition/on top of this  
furthermore/moreover/what is more  
not only ... but also  
besides  
actually

## **Deduction**

in other words  
in that case  
otherwise  
this implies that ...  
if so/not

## **Stating the obvious**

clearly/obviously  
of course  
as can be expected  
after all  
naturally

## **Contrast**

whereas/while  
but/however/yet  
nonetheless/nevertheless  
although/even though  
on the one hand/on the other hand  
in spite of/despite

## **Giving examples**

for example/for instance  
a case in point is...  
in other words/ such as  
namely/that is to say  
especially/notably

## **Similarity**

likewise  
equally  
similarly  
correspondingly  
in the same way/in the same vein

## **Transition to a new point**

now/this leads me on to  
as far as x is concerned  
with regard to/reference to  
as for/as regards  
regarding/concerning

## **Summary**

to summarise/to sum up  
in conclusion/to conclude  
by way of conclusion  
all that remains for me to say is  
in a nutshell

You can find more linking words in context here:

<https://emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/common-linking-words-0>