

Linking words improve your writing

It is important to connect your ideas fluently. Here are some useful words and phrases.

Compare, show likeness	Also, as a comparison, similarly, in the same way
Contrast, show difference	However, but, yet, still, instead, even though, despite, nevertheless, in contrast, conversely, on the contrary, on the one hand, on the other hand, regardless of
Make a concession	Of course, although, it may appear that, possibly, another consideration
Explain	In fact, simply stated, obviously, such as, that is, put another way, significantly
Give an example	For example, more specifically, in particular, to illustrate consider, namely, including, an instance/aspect/feature/characteristic/option
Quantify	Between, approximately, more than, increasing, decreasing, a decline of, a minimum of, a peak of, a range between, considerably (remember to reference quantities)
Emphasise	Even more significant is, of major importance is the, a compelling argument is, a strong case is made by, more importantly
Connect ideas	Another, secondly, again, besides, furthermore, in addition, secondly, thirdly, as well as
Summarise ideas	As seen, on the whole, to sum up, in brief
Show cause and effect	For this reason, as a result, consequently, thus, therefore, consequently, the effect of, affected by, because
Locate	Above, below, beneath, beyond, closer, elsewhere, farther, nearby, opposite, local, regional, national, worldwide
Time	Now, today, at the present time, as soon as, before, after, in the meantime, meanwhile, simultaneously, subsequently, until, trends, continuous, since, daily, annually, decade
Sum up	Finally, so, in conclusion, lastly, as has been discussed, as a result, because, so that