

Linking clauses, sentences and/or paragraphs

The list in the table offers you some options for these **purposes**, focusing on what elements of the text you want to connect. Use them purposefully to create the necessary links in your texts.

Purpose: SEQUENCING		
Within a sentence	From one sentence to the next	From one paragraph to the next
	first(ly), second(ly), third(ly), finally	in the first (second, third) place, the primary (secondary, third) point, issue..., one (another, a final) point, issue...
SEQUENCING IN TIME		
when, as, while, whilst, after, before	then, at once, next, meanwhile, in the meantime, soon, now, at this moment, hitherto, until then (or now), after this, before this, subsequently, immediately, suddenly, gradually	meanwhile, in the meantime, hitherto, at once, the next (generally not just "next"), soon (as soon as), at this time (or moment), until this time, subsequently, throughout this, suddenly, gradually
SHOWING CONTRAST		
yet	however, even so, nevertheless	however, even so, nevertheless
but	instead, on the contrary, rather, yet, by contrast, otherwise, on the other hand, alternatively, at any rate, in any case	instead, on the contrary, rather, yet, by contrast, otherwise, on the other hand, alternatively, at any rate, in any case
SHOWING SIMILARITY		
	likewise, in the same way, similarly, in a similar manner, like, a parallel argument	likewise, in the same way, similarly, in a similar manner, like, a parallel argument
SHOWING CAUSE AND EFFECT		
because, since, for, so, so that	for this reason, that being so, on account of this, therefore, as a result, consequently, thus, in that case, hence, accordingly	for this reason, that being so, on account of this, therefore, as a result, consequently, thus, in that case, hence, accordingly
SHOWING CONDITIONAL CONNECTION		
if..., then, provided that, unless	granted, that being so, in that case, under the circumstances	granted, admittedly, in the above case, under these circumstances
(al)though, even though, whether	still, despite this, in spite of	still, despite this, in spite of this