

Warmer

1. In pairs, look at the pictures below and discuss the similarities and differences between a laptop and a smartphone. Which do you use more? Why? Can you think of any other form of technology that is very popular nowadays?



a



b

Matching

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1. In pairs, match the pairs of sentences (1–10) and (a–j). Once you have matched all the sentences, highlight the discourse markers. The first pair (1d) has been done as an example.

1. I'm not addicted to social media at all. a) on account of its high-quality camera.
2. In addition to being quite stressful, b) As it so happens, I found my current job via a friend's post.
3. Social media can boost your career prospects. c) Having said that, I do think it has to be used with caution.
4. I've always been an advocate of new technology. d) On the contrary; there are plenty of other things I'd rather be doing with my time.
5. It's true that technology has its downsides. e) by and large, most people are in favour of technology.
6. Phones are quite expensive. f) social media can be very time-consuming.
7. Technology has many uses in business. g) Accordingly, I now only let my children watch 30 minutes of television a day.
8. Some people are nervous about using it, but... h) Even so, I know I couldn't live without it. 9. I bought the new model... i) What's more, they break quite easily.
10. I read about the dangers of too much screen time. j) Likewise, it has many applications within education too.

Categorising

1. Put the discourse markers from the wordpool in the correct category in the table below.
Compare your answers with a partner.

in addition to likewise even so what's more by and large on the contrary having said that as it (so)
happens on the whole incidentally accordingly conversely therefore nevertheless moreover
besides on account of

Adding information	Contrasting	Cause and result	Generalising

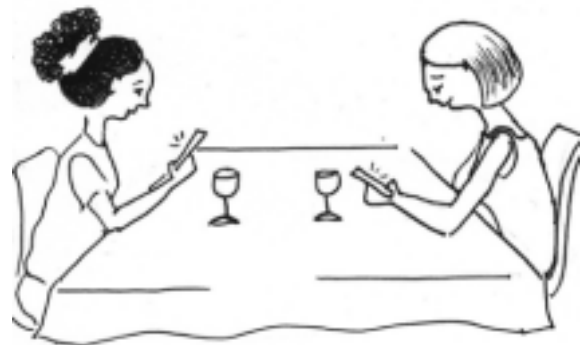
Speaking game

1. Look at the illustrations on the next page and the list of discourse markers. In your group, take turns in rolling the die and saying the sentence and discourse marker that correspond to the number on the die. Once you use one of the discourse markers, tick it off from the list. Whoever ticks off all the discourse markers first, wins the game!

Remember, the first throw is to help you choose which sentence to say; the second throw is to help you choose which discourse marker to use. Follow the example your teacher gives you.



Being a YouTuber or a streamer is not believed to be a very stable profession.



Technology is often seen as posing a threat to our communication skills.



Workplaces are said to be becoming less sexist.



Many people argue that buying local products supports local communities.



Many parents feel they can ensure high-quality education for their children by paying for it.



A six-figure salary isn't the only incentive to enter the medical profession.

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Consumers are becoming increasingly aware of how their choices impact the environment.



Many parents send their children to mixed schools to socialise with male and female peers.



International charities are not always the most deserving of our donations.



Villages tend to be associated with a less hectic way of life.



Politicians are often believed to be at fault for a country's misfortunes.



Settling down in a foreign country is not always as idyllic as it first appears.

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1	Accordingly	Even so
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2	On the whole	Nevertheless
3	By and large	On the contrary
4	Having said that	As it so happens
5	Conversely	In addition to
6	Incidentally	Likewise