

CONNECTORS

TIME

when, whenever, while, as, since, after, before, until, once, now (that), as soon as, by the time, afterwards, later, meanwhile, in the meantime,

As I was leaving the house, I remembered the key
By the time we got there the train had already left.
Once everyone had arrived, he made his speech
Whenever he sees me, he smiles.

SEQUENCE

first(ly), ...second(ly),...finally,.. to start with, to begin with,

ADDITION

And, in addition, furthermore, moreover, what's more, besides, also, .. too, as well as,

She has got a car as well as a motorbike.
The refugees are short of food. Furthermore, they desperately need medical assistance.

MANNER, COMPARISON AND PROPORTION

as if, as though, more (-er) than, the more/-er... the more/-er, as

She looks **as if/as though** she is going to be ill.
He played **better than** he had ever played (much better/far better...)
The **more** you practise the **better** you'll play.
The harder he worked, **the happier** he felt.

CAUSE OR REASON

Conjunctions: as, since, because

As/since she was the eldest, she looked after the others

Prepositions: because of, due to, owing to..., thanks to, as a result of...

They were late **because of** the strike.
Due to bad weather conditions, several flights had to be cancelled.

PURPOSE

*to, in order to, so as (not)to ± infinitive
in order that, so that, normally followed by a modal verb*

They phoned us **to / in order to** invite us to the party
We went out quietly **so as not to** disturb him

We stood outside **so that** he could/would see us

RESULT

thus, therefore, consequently, as a result, for this reason, that is why,

so +adj or adv.: The snow fell **so fast that** our footsteps were covered up in a few minutes

such +noun: It was **such** a boring film **that** we all fell asleep /

so much/so many: **There were** so many people **that we could not get past the gates.**

CONTRAST

*but, however, nevertheless, yet,
on the one hand...on the other hand, in contrast, unlike,
though, although, even though, even if, whereas,*

Although he didn't like us he was always very polite

Even though he hated chocolate, he took some

John seems rather stupid, **whereas** his sister is clever

Please note that **despite/ in spite of** are prepositions, and are never followed by a clause

We went for a walk **in spite of/ despite** the rain

Despite being tired, she offered to cook lunch **But not despite she was tired**

They understood him **in spite of the fact that** they did not speak English

CONDITION

if, unless, whether, provided, as long as, on condition that,

Unless the strike has been called off, there will be no trains tomorrow

You can stay here **if/provided/ providing that/as long as/ on condition that** you don't touch anything

Had I known he was there, I wouldn't have gone

Whether they win **or** we do, we'll celebrate tonight

TRANSITION

with regard to, as regards..., as for... as far as... is concerned,

EXEMPLIFYING AND EXCEPTING

for example, for instance, such as, like, in particular, especially, except, apart from, except for

GENERALIZING

on the whole, in general, generally speaking, as a rule

CLARIFYING

in other words, that is to say

EXPRESSING OPINION

*In my view, in my opinion, I think that... I believe that... I feel that..
I agree/disagree that..., I agree/disagree with the idea that...*

CONCLUSION

to sum up, all in all, in conclusion,

1. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. He gave him the letter so that...
2. David took us to London to ...
3. They switched off the TV so as not to...
4. Sue didn't want to tell you anything so as not to ...
5. We'll go down to the pub to...
6. There were so many people that ...
7. She was such a selfish woman that...
8. He was so worried that ...
9. It was such a small house that...
10. They decided to stay at home although...
11. We'll have to phone them even though...
12. We went to the party despite...
13. Some people turned up in spite of ...
14. They wouldn't have sent the presents if...
15. We'll try to help her as long as...
16. We won't see them unless...
17. Had I known you were still here...
18. As we didn't know his number,...
19. Some students didn't take the exam because...
20. Since he didn't speak the language

2. FILL IN THE BLANKS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. knowing they were fakes, he paid a lot of money for them.
2. the flight had been delayed, we arrived on time.
3. We'll leave the room he can concentrate better.
4. There was much noise we didn't understand a word he said
5. Don't forget to clean your teeth you've eaten
6. They didn't tell her where they were going worry her.
7. the low temperatures, we did not have to stop
8. They said I would not pass the exam I worked harder
9. She always causes trouble she goes
10. she was not Spanish, she spoke better we did
11. He behaved he owned the entire village
12. .
13. He was careful person nobody could believe he had broken them.
14. You can borrow my car you bring it back before dark
15. He gave up his job look after his baby
16. She was whispering wake the children
17. He left home early be late for the interview
18. They offered her the job..... they knew she was not very good
19. we were coming in, we heard a strange noise.

3. CONTRAST/ADDITION/CAUSE/RESULT/PURPOSE

1. She was an expert swimmer. She drowned.
2. The road was closed. There was a big landslide.
3. He's a vegetarian. He sometimes eats fish.
4. I have to go shopping this afternoon. I'm very tired.
5. The hotel has several tennis courts. It also has a golf course.
6. Sandra is a talented pianist. She hasn't got time to practice.
7. The apartment was too small. It was very dark, too.
8. The prices of designer clothes are very high. People buy fakes.
9. They have lived in Spain for ten years. They don't speak a word of Spanish.
10. She is terribly rude. She is very popular.
11. We didn't turn the light on. We didn't want to wake the baby.
12. I failed two of the exams. I worked really hard.
13. Linda owns three dogs. She has two cats and a parrot.
14. They sent him to Germany. He could learn the language.
15. I am ill. I can't take the exam today.
16. You embarrassed me. You hurt my feelings.
17. Let's move those books. We will have more space to work.

ESSAYS

EXAMPLE 1

The death penalty cannot be defended. Do you agree or disagree? Support your opinion with arguments and examples.

however, / nevertheless / in my opinion / to sum up / although /

Some countries still have the death penalty, 1..... it no longer exists in Britain. 2., after a particularly violent murder, British people sometimes call for it to be brought back. 3....., the death penalty cannot be defended for a number of reasons.

The first and most important reason is that one can never be entirely certain that the accused person is guilty. In the past people have been sentenced to death and later it was discovered that they were completely innocent.

It is often suggested that the death penalty prevents crime and that the risk of death acts as a deterrent. 4., many serious crimes are caused by a sudden and very powerful emotion. In these cases, the individual is not thinking sensibly and does not stop to consider the risks.

One final argument against the death penalty is that it sets a bad example. The laws of society should reflect its values. If it is wrong for one individual to murder another, then it is also wrong for the state to execute an individual.

5....., I believe the death penalty cannot be defended. There are other ways of punishing criminals and these ways should always be tried.

EXAMPLE 2

“Top sports people earn too much money nowadays”.

Although	to sum up	such as	secondly	like
personally	besides	think so	firstly	just

In most countries today top sports people, _____ (1) footballers, tennis players and basketball players, get enormous salaries. In a week they often earn more than ordinary people in a year. Is this really too much? _____ (2) I don't _____ (3).

_____ (4), the active life of a professional sports person is relatively short –

they often retire when they are in their mid-thirties. _____ (5), many of them don't even play that long, as they often get injured, which means they have to retire early.

_____ (6), _____ (7) their salaries are very high they are not much higher than those of other successful people in the entertainment industry _____ (8) pop singers, actors or TV personalities, whose professional careers can last for fifty years. Sport today is watched by millions of people, so it should be considered entertainment _____ (9) like the cinema or TV..

(10), _____.....(your own words)

EXAMPLE 3

Imitation Designer Fashions... Right or wrong?

In addition , As I see it, First of all, However

Millions of consumers today buy imitation designer fashions in order to look trendy. Some people say that this is dishonest and should be stopped so as not to harm the fashion industry. (1)....., in my opinion, buying fake designer fashion is not wrong.

(2), I believe that the high prize of designer fashion is not justified. It doesn't really cost \$600 to manufacture a bag or a pair of jeans, so fashion companies make a huge profit. If the originals were not so expensive, there would be no market for fakes.

(3), fashion companies still make millions of dollars. For example, a certain Louis Vuitton bag earned more than \$300 million in one year! These companies aren't losing customers, since the people who buy imitations could never afford the real thing.

(4), consumers shouldn't worry about whether it's right to buy imitation fashion. They should simply enjoy it.

EXAMPLE 4

Bicycle Helmets- Not a solution

although, first of all, because, moreover, because of, as, in my view, in my opinion, secondly, furthermore, to begin with, since, as I see it, however, in spite of,

Several years ago, the British Medical Association asked the UK government to pass a law requiring cyclists to wear helmets. (1) this sounds like a good way to save lives, I believe that it is neither helpful nor necessary.

(2)....., such a law will cause fewer people to ride bicycles. This is

(3).....the helmets are uncomfortable and hot, especially in the summer. (4) cycling should be encouraged, not discouraged.

(5), requiring helmets gives the impression that only cyclists are responsible for their safety. It is clear that this is a mistake, most accidents are caused by cars, and it is the drivers who must learn to be more careful.

....., the new law would discourage cycling and place responsibility on the wrong people. Instead, more bicycle paths should be built and drivers should be educated to drive more carefully.

EXAMPLE 5

“Genetic engineering brings with it more dangers than benefits and should be banned worldwide”. Discuss.

furthermore	recently	as a result	in conclusion	on the other hand
moreover	consequently	therefore	nevertheless	however
in addition	finally	nowadays		to sum up

_____ (1), advances in science have demonstrated to us that things that once seemed possible only in science fiction could become a reality. The cloning of a sheep brought the possibility of using genetic engineering to create new organs, or even whole human beings, one step closer.

Some people consider this to be a dangerous development and believe that all that research should be banned. Interfering with nature in this way could bring with it dangers that none of us can imagine. We have no idea how an artificially-created person might behave, or indeed how he or she might suffer. _____ (2), we may find ourselves in a position which we do not like, but which we are unable to reverse.

_____ (3), many people would say that it is not for human beings to decide what other human beings should be like. It is not only people with deep religious beliefs who feel that it is wrong, for example, for parents to choose whether their baby will be a boy or a girl, or have blue eyes or musical talent.

_____ (4), the latest research in genetics has also opened the possibility of new treatment for many diseases which up to now have been incurable. If it were possible to prevent a baby from developing a hereditary disease by modifying its genes, should we stop the scientists? If doctors could replace a diseased organ with a new one grown from cells, should it not be allowed?

_____ (5), I would say that genetic engineering has the potential to be both a huge benefit and a terrible curse for humankind.

To make sure that we benefit from it, it will be necessary to control it very strictly. The real challenge will be to find ways of monitoring the research that is conducted in laboratories all over the world and to make sure that it is only used for the good of everyone.

1. CONNECTORS OF CAUSE AND RESULT

Rewrite the sentences with the connectors in brackets.

1. The Internet is accessible all over the world. Therefore, travellers can e-mail their families. **(because)**
2. Kevin was cold all day, since he had forgotten his jacket. **(consequently)**
3. Many people have stopped smoking because it has a bad effect on health. **(because of)**
4. She had high marks. As a result, she was accepted to university. **(due to)**
5. There was an accident as a result of the slippery road. **(so)**

2. CONNECTORS OF ADDITION AND CONTRAST

1. Rewrite the sentences with the connectors in brackets. Do not change the original meaning of the sentences.

1. Marianne is an experienced teacher. She also loves her job. **(Moreover)**
2. I didn't do well in the exam, although my father had helped me. **(In spite of)**
3. Most people dislike going to the dentist, but they go regularly. **(nevertheless)**
4. Our city has got two sports stadiums. In addition, it has got a library and a theatre. **(as well as)**
5. That chocolate cake must be delicious. However, I'm not going to touch it. **(although)**

3. Complete the for and against essay with the words and phrases below.

on the one hand • the question is • also • such as • in conclusion • although • secondly • for one thing

Many people use alternative medicine nowadays. 1. , does it really help?

2. , alternative medicine has got disadvantages. 3. , research hasn't proved that methods such as acupuncture and reflexology really work. 4. , it's hard to know who is really qualified to practise it, since there is no supervision as there is for medical doctors.

On the other hand, 5. there is little scientific proof, many people say that alternative medicine helps them. 6. , it's not as dangerous as many conventional methods, 7. surgery and drugs.

8. , I believe that alternative medicine is worth trying. If it doesn't help, at least it won't do any harm – except to your bank account!