

## Useful Linking Words and Phrases For Essays

### To indicate a contrast:

however	on the other hand	alternatively	in contrast
instead	conversley	on the contrary	infact
rather	in comparison		
another possibility	but	better/worst still	
despite this	in spite of	nevertheless	notwithstanding
for all that	yet	although	all the same

### To provide an illustration

for example	that is	that is to say	
in other words	namely	such as	
typical of this/such	on such	a typical/particular/key example	
including	especially	not least	
cheifly	mainly	most importantly	

### To extend a point

simirlarly	equally	likewise	also
furthermore	Indeed	in the same way	
besides	above all	as well	in addition

### To show cause and effect/conclusion:

so	therefore	thus
then	as result/consequence	resulting from
in this/that case	consequently	
for this reason	owing to/due to the fact	
it follows that	this suggests that	accepting/assuming this
in conclusion	it might be concluded from this	this implies
in short	to conclude	in all

### To show the next step:

first(ly) second(ly)	to begin/start with	in the first/second place
first and foremost	first and most importantly	first
another	then	after
next	afterwards	then
finally	ultimately	lastly

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