

**LINKERS AND CONNECTORS**

**Contrast**

- . **In spite of / Despite** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a noun phrase. (**important:** they do **not introduce sentences**)

'He arrived on time despite / in spite of getting up late'

- . **Although / (Even) though** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a sentence.  
'Although / though / even though the pupils had not studied, they all passed their exams'.
- . **In spite of / Despite** the fact that + sentence  
**In spite of / Despite + noun phrase**
- . **However / Nevertheless / Still / Yet / Even so / On the contrary / In contrast.** Introduce a new idea which marks a contrast with previously stated ideas. Introduced by a comma.
- . **On the one hand ... On the other hand.** Links two contrasting ideas / paragraphs. (por un lado/parte ... por otro lado/parte)
- . **In contrast to / Contrary to.** Link two contrasting ideas. Followed by a noun phrase.
- . **all the same** (a pesar de todo)
- . **Whereas / While.** Link two contrasting ideas. Not separated by commas.

**Reason and cause**

- . **Because / As (como, ya que) / Since (ya que) / Seeing that** Introduce a sentence. Subordinate sentences introduced by because always appear in final position.
- . **Because of / On account of / Owing to / Due to.** Introduce a noun phrase. (**important:** they do **not introduce sentences**)

**Purpose**

- . **In order to / So as to** Introduce an infinitive of purpose. (**important:** they do **not introduce sentences**)
- . **In order that / So that** Introduce a sentence.

**Consequence**

- . **Consequently / As a consequence / As a result / Therefore**
- . **As a consequence of / As a result of.** Followed by a noun phrase. (**important:** they do **not introduce sentences**)
- . **So** Introduces a sentence. No commas.

**Addition**

- . **Moreover / Furthermore / In addition / Besides / What's more** Used after a strong pause and separated from the sentences. They are introduced by a comma.
- . **Apart from / except for**

- . **As well as / In addition to / Besides** Used to add one more piece of information. Followed by a noun phrase. (**important**: they do **not introduce sentences**)

#### Exemplification

- . **For example / For instance** Introduces an example referring to previously stated ideas.
- . **Such as (tales como)**. Introduces an example referring to the last idea.
- . **That is (to say)** (es decir)
- . **In other words**

#### Succession

- . **First of all** (antes que nada) / **Firstly** (en primer lugar) / **To begin with / First** (primero)....
- . **Second / Secondly** (en segundo lugar) / **Then** ...
- . **Third / Thirdly / After that...**
- . **The next stage** ...
- . **Finally / in short / to sum up / in conclusion / lastly** (por ultimo) / **eventually** (finalmente) / **last** but not least /
- . **Generally speaking / by and large** (por lo general)
- . **After that / Then / Next**
- . **Suddenly / all of a sudden** (de repente)
- . **In the end** (al final)
- . **In the meantime / meanwhile** (mientras tanto)

#### Expressing facts

- . **Actually / really** (en realidad)
- . **As a matter of fact / in fact** (de hecho)

#### Expressing a personal opinion

- . **As far as I am concerned / from my point of view / I agree / I disagree / in my opinion / in my view / it is true that es / personally / to be honest / to tell the truth.**

#### Explain

- . **Above all** (sobre todo) / **Basically / Especially** (especialmente, sobre todo) / **Essentially** (esencialmente) / **In general / In particular / More or less / To a certain extent** (hasta cierto punto)

#### Similarities

- . **Similarly** (Igualmente, de forma similar) / **Likewise** (Asimismo, del mismo modo) / **In the same way** (Del mismo modo) / **In the same manner** (De la misma manera) / **In a similar way** (De forma similar)

