

THE CONNECTERS

*Connecters are words or phrases which we use to join words, clauses, and sentences.

1- Connecters expressing cause or reason:

They are because, as, since, for, and because of.

Examples:

- As we were tired, we decided to have some rest.
- He didn't come **since** nobody had invited him.
- She didn't enjoy the party **for** she didn't know anyone there.
- Barbara bought a PC **because** she was in need.
- Nobody likes him **because of** his bad manners.

NB. After because of, there is no verb.

2- Connecters expressing consequence or result:

We have as a result (consequently), therefore, and so.

Examples:

- The workers had many problems, **so** they went on strike.
- I had forgotten my wallet at home; **therefore** I couldn't pay the waiter at the restaurant.

*We can also express result with:

- So + adjective + that
- So + adverb + that
- Such + adj + noun + that

Examples:

- He is **so** generous **that** everybody likes him.
- She plays the piano **so** beautifully **that** she has been asked to give a concert.
- Agatha Christie was **such** a good author **that** most of her books have been made into films.

3-Connecters expressing concession and contrast:

These connectors are: although (or though), in spite of, even though, nevertheless, on the contrary, while, whereas.

Examples:

- **Although** she went on a diet, she didn't lose much weight.
- **In spite of** a diet, she didn't lose much weight.
- I enjoyed the play **whereas** my friend didn't.
- He went on working **even though** he was exhausted.

NB. In spite of + noun

Although + subject + verb

4-Connecters expressing purpose:

They are: - in order to / to

-so that / in order that

Examples:

- She renewed her passport **in order that/ so that** she would travel abroad.
- I will phone you **in order to / to** give you more details.

5-Connecters expressing condition:

We can use: if, as long as, otherwise, on condition that provided that, and unless.

Examples:

- You won't speak English correctly **unless** you learn your grammar.
- You can stay here **provided that** you don't make noise.
- You'd better revise your lessons, **otherwise** you won't succeed.