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Grammar and Structure **» List of Commonly Used Linking Words**

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Function	Coordinators	Subordinators	Transitions
	Link independent clauses within a sentence.	Link an independent clause with a dependent clause or phrase within a sentence.	Link independent clauses within a sentence. Link sentences within a paragraph.
Punctuation	Use a comma before a coordinator: I researched the topic**, and** I created the presentation.	When the dependent clause is at the beginning of the sentence, it should be followed by a comma: **After I researched the topic,** I created the presentation. Do not use a comma when the dependent clause is at the end of the sentence: I created the presentation **after I researched the topic**.	When the transition begins the sentence, it should be followed by a comma: **First**, I researched the topic. **Then**, I created the presentation. When the transition connects two independent clauses, a semi-colon comes before it and a comma follows it: I researched the topic; **afterwards**, I created the presentation.
Showing time, beginning, during, ending	▪ And	▪ Before ▪ As ▪ As long as ▪ At the same time (as) ▪ Every time ▪ Since ▪ So long as ▪ The first/second /next/last time	▪ Afterward(s) ▪ At first ▪ Initially ▪ Meanwhile ▪ Meantime ▪ Simultaneously ▪ Eventually ▪ Finally

		■ When ■ Whenever ■ While ■ By the time ■ Till ■ Until	
Showing a sequence	■ And	■ After ■ As soon as ■ Ever since ■ Following ■ Later ■ Once	■ Next ■ Subsequently ■ Then ■ Thereafter ■ First ■ Firstly ■ Initially ■ To begin ■ Next ■ Second ■ Secondly ■ Then ■ Third ■ Thirdly ■ Finally ■ Last ■ Lastly
Showing conclusion	■ So		■ In all ■ In summation ■ In conclusion ■ To conclude
Showing contrast	■ But ■ Either … or ■ Yet	■ Although ■ Despite ■ Even though ■ In spite of ■ Instead of ■ Though ■ Whereas ■ While	■ By comparison ■ By contrast ■ Conversely ■ However ■ In contrast ■ Instead ■ Nevertheless ■ Nonetheless ■ On the contrary ■ On the other hand ■ Otherwise
Showing similarity	■ Neither … nor ■ Either … or		■ In other words ■ Likewise ■ Similarly

Adding information	■ And		■ Additionally ■ Also ■ Besides ■ Further ■ Furthermore ■ In addition ■ Moreover
Adding example			■ For example ■ For instance ■ In particular
Showing cause	■ For	■ As a result of … ■ Because … ■ Due to (the fact that) ■ In order to … ■ Resulting from … ■ Since …	
Showing effect	■ So	■ (If) … then ■ … resulting in ■ So …that ■ … then	■ Accordingly, ■ As a result, ■ Consequently, ■ Hence, ■ Therefore, ■ Thus,
Showing condition		■ Even if ■ If … then ■ In case ■ Provided that ■ Providing ■ Unless ■ Whether or not	