

Common linking words

Linking words show the relationships between ideas. Linking words serve different functions, such as to compare ideas or to give examples, and can go at the start or in the middle of a sentence. Check a dictionary like the [Cambridge Dictionary](#) to see examples of how to use a particular linking word.

The following table shows some common linking words and example sentences:

Function	Linking words	Example
Addition (to add an idea)	also furthermore moreover additionally	Exam performance is also influenced by personal factors, such as anxiety and confidence.
Cause and effect (to show that one thing is a result of another)	so therefore as a result consequently accordingly because	The defendant was intoxicated and therefore not fully aware of his actions.
Contrast (to show differences)	in contrast however whereas while conversely	In 2016, the proportion of Australian citizens born overseas was approximately 29%. However , this proportion varied between states, with just 13% of Tasmanian residents born overseas, compared with 31% in Victoria (ABS, 2021). ¹
Comparison (to show similarities)	similar likewise in the same way	Similarly , costs for other stages of manufacturing are overestimated.
Definition	is defined as that is	A migrant is defined as a “person who was born overseas whose usual residence is Australia” (ABS, 2018, “Migrant”). ²
Example	for example for instance such as including	Adolescents spend hours per day browsing social media applications, such as Facebook, TikTok and Instagram.
Sequence or list (to indicate the order of events, or to separate ideas)	firstly secondly thirdly first then	There are several issues arising from this case. Firstly , the company failed to provide a working environment that was safe and free of risks to health.
Summary	in conclusion in summary to conclude overall	Overall , females reported higher levels of pain post-surgery than men.

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