

Connectives and useful words for the beginning of a sentence

To introduce

now - in addition - for - in this case (after) - furthermore - in fact (often at the end) - for that reason/purpose - ...

To emphasise

certainly - indeed (separated by comma) - above all (separated by comma) - surely - most important (separated by comma) - as a matter of fact (separated by comma) - no doubt - ...

To qualify

but - however (always separated by comma) - though (in the middle of a sentence: separated by comma) - yet - except for - by the way - fortunately/unfortunately - generally/usually/normally - probably - as a rule - ...

To compare

like - in the same way (separated by comma) - similarly (separated by comma) - equally important (separated by comma) - on the one hand... on the other hand - ...

To add / supplement

in addition - furthermore (separated by comma) - also (never at the beginning of a sentence) - moreover (in the middle of a sentence: separated by comma) - first/second, etc. (separated by comma) - then - besides - apart from - this/that - ...

To illustrate

for example (in the middle of a sentence: separated by comma) - for instance (separated by comma) - thus - such - next (separated by comma) - ...

To contrast

unlike - in contrast (separated by comma) - whereas (after comma) - on the other hand (separated by comma) - instead (separated by comma) - in spite of (this/that) - on the contrary - however - ...

To introduce a series / consequence

therefore (in the middle of a sentence: separated by comma) - as a result (separated by comma) - consequently (separated by comma) - accordingly (separated by comma) - so - otherwise (separated by comma) - in order to - since - although - ...

To grant something / concede

although - nevertheless (separated by comma) - of course (separated by comma) - after all (separated by comma) - clearly (separated by comma) - still (separated by comma) - maybe - perhaps - it is true... - yet - ...

To sum up

to sum up - finally - in conclusion - at last - in summary - (all separated by comma) - ...

Others...

according to - all you have to do is... - apparently/evidently - as far as... - is concerned - as to - both / the one and the other - if / in case of - in my opinion - to my mind - in this regard - whatever the reason/purpose/plan/intention - ...