

IELTS Writing Connectors (Linking Words) PDF



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Linking Words for IELTS Writing Task PDF

Linking words (also called connectors) are essential to get a high score in writing task 1 & 2.

Connectors are words or phrases that link ideas, sentences, or paragraphs, creating a smooth flow in language. Using connectors in your IELTS writing tasks makes your essay more readable and showcases strong grammar.

Properly used, **linking words** makes your sentences flow smoothly. In Writing Task 1, they're crucial for highlighting main visual details and comparing key points in graphs. For Writing Task 2, these **connectors** ensure smooth paragraph transitions and allow for thorough explanations of complex ideas.

Different types of IELTS Connectors (Linking words)

Linking words are essential for achieving a high score in your IELTS writing tasks. The connectors listed below will significantly boost your Coherence and Cohesion score, which accounts for 25% of your total marks.

Linking words (connectors) for IELTS Writing Task



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Listing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Firstly > Secondly > Thirdly > Fourthly > Lastly, Finally, and Last but not least 	Adding Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Additionally > Furthermore > In addition to > Not only, but also > And > Moreover > Also > As well as 	Giving Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > For example > For instance > To cite an example > To illustrate > One clear example is > In other words > such as > Namely
Results and Consequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Therefore > Thus > As a result > For this reason > Consequently > So > Hence 	Presenting your opinion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > I believe > I admit > I think > In my opinion > In my view > I agree/ concur > I disagree with/ I cannot accept 	Concessions and Contrasts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > However > Although > Admittedly > On the other hand > Nevertheless > But > Still > Despite > Even though > By contrast > Alternatively > In spite of > In comparison with other/another option could be
Causes and Reasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Owing to > Because > Due to > since > As 	Highlighting and Stressing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Specifically > Particularly > especially > In particular > Obviously > Clearly > Of course 	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > To conclude > To sum up > In conclusion

These linkers are suitable for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General tests. Ensure accurate spelling, as errors can negatively impact your band score.

IELTS Connectors: Practice Question for Writing task 1

A practice task is given below that will help you to understand the proper usage and importance of Connectors for IELTS Writing Task 1.

In the above process diagram it is **1.** ____ given that each salmon goes through 6 major stages and experiences three different locations to complete its entire life cycle.

2. ____, the adult salmon lay eggs in the spawning season and these eggs experience an incubation period before hatching. Once hatching is done, the young salmon **3.** ____ spends some time in the freshwater to develop and mature. As they grow, they start migrating from river to estuary. During this stage, salmon continue to mature, with the abundance of food in the estuary helping to support their growth. Eventually, the salmon are ready to migrate to the



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open ocean, where they will spend several years feeding and growing. 4. ____, mature salmon return to the river to begin another cycle by laying eggs. 5. ____ the cycle repeats itself to produce the next generation.

Answers:

1. clearly
2. Firstly
3. particularly
4. Finally
5. Thus

IELTS Connectors: Practice Question for Writing task 2

Candidates can know IELTS connectors usage in the IELTS writing task 2 by the following practice task.

The Prompt: Most of the students prefer to work while they pursue their education. But, this often results in time deficiency for academic pursuits and a constant feeling of stress. What do you think might be the causes for this?

Earning money while studying is beneficial for students, 1. ____ there are many negative impacts like mental stress, lack of performance etc.

2. ____ the need to fix their student loan burden and to gain work experience, many students prefer to work while studying. 3. ____ managing the cost of education has become more challenging and getting a loan from the bank has become a common solution. 4. ____, students end-up in getting employment while studying. 5. ____, students who wish to study in the USA get an education loan from the bank to manage the finance and begin to work after their admission in college. 6. ____, many organisations prefer candidates who have prior experience in the particular field, making it even more agreeable for the students to enter into the corporate world while doing their education.



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Answers:

1. however
2. Due to
3. Because
4. As a result
5. For instance
6. In addition to

Why do Connectors play a significant role in IELTS Writing?

Connectors are essential in IELTS Writing because they directly contribute to your score for **Coherence and Cohesion**, which accounts for **25% of your total marks**. They create a smooth flow between your ideas, sentences, and paragraphs, making your essay easy for the examiner to follow.

These linking words help you:

- **Organize your arguments logically.**
- **Show relationships** between different points (e.g., cause and effect, contrast, addition).
- **Introduce examples** and **conclusions** effectively.
- Demonstrate a higher level of **grammatical proficiency** and **lexical resource**.

Without proper connectors, your writing can appear disjointed and difficult to understand, negatively impacting your score.

The best way to improve your use of **IELTS Writing linking words** is through consistent practice and thorough self-correction. Our **IELTS Linking Words PDF** makes this process simple for you!



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