LINKING TERMS

Linking terms are words or phrases that show the relationship between paragraphs or sections. They can join two or more sentences.

Using linking terms is useful to add ideas together, contrast them, or show the reason for a concept. They help the reader read more efficiently. They are like bridges connecting different ideas and they can help associate thoughts throughout the article.

Example of linking terms in a paragraph

To determine the correct temperature needed to obtain the desired results **we did** a series of tests along the year, and **we observed that** temperature oscillated between 5° and 7° Celsius, **clarifying that** the phenomenon could not happen in nature in warmer countries.

Linking terms to use for different situations:

Giving examples

For example
For instance
Namely
Such as

Adding information and ideas

Also
As well as this/that
Furthermore
In addition
Moreover
Тоо
Apart from
Besides/Besides this/Besides that
And
also

Summarizing

In brief
In short
In a nutshell
In conclusion
To summarize
To sum up
To conclude



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Sequencing ideas

Firstly
Finally
Lastly
The first point
The following
The former, the latter

Showing a reason or result

As a result
As a consequence
Consequently
Therefore
As
Because of
Due to / due to the fact that
Since
Because

Contrasting ideas

However
In theory In practice
Nevertheless
Nonetheless
Despite / Despite the fact that
In spite of / In spite of the fact that
Although
But
Even though
But whereas
While
Whereas

Writing tips

If you are struggling to write a paragraph, use the above linking terms as prompts to get started.

Outline what you want to write and connect ideas efficiently. Read through your writing to check the flow of the section.



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