

Basic Connectives



A **connective** is a word or phrase that joins two **simple** sentences to make a **complex** sentence.

Simple sentences	I got up.	I had breakfast.
Complex sentences	I got up and had breakfast.	I got up then had breakfast.
Complex sentences	I had breakfast when I got up.	When I got up, I had breakfast.

Connectives					
	synonyms				
and	and	also	too	plus	including
	in addition	as well as	together with	along with	another thing
but	but	however	although	other than	except
	whereas	apart from	yet	even so	on the other hand
so	so	because	therefore	since	thus
	so that	as a result	consequently	hence	for this reason
then	then	secondly	after that	soon after	following this
	next	later on	afterwards	before long	after a while
when	when	as	while	during	before
	earlier	once	as soon as	after	meanwhile
however	however	but	yet	still	though
	even so	it appears	on the other hand	whereas	despite this
some	nothing	none	some	few	a minority
	several	many	most	mainly	the majority
because	because	as	since	given that	seeing as
	for that reason	due to			

Openers					
	synonyms				
First	First of all	At first	To start	At the start	It all started
	To begin with	In the beginning	At the outset	Initially	Originally
Next	Next	Then	After that	Following this	Afterwards
	Secondly	Later	After a while	Soon after	Subsequently
Soon	Soon after	Quickly	Suddenly	All of a sudden	In a flash
	Before long	In no time at all	Shortly after	Moments later	Not long after
Last	At last	Last of all	Lastly	In the end	To finish
	Finally	In time	Ultimately	Eventually	In conclusion

Choosing and Using Connectives



For addition:				AND
and	also	too	plus	including
in addition	as well as	together with	along with	not forgetting
furthermore	moreover	another thing	what is more	notwithstanding

To compare and contrast:				BUT
but	however	although	despite this	nevertheless
whereas	alternatively	compared with	in contrast	on the other hand
similarly	equally	unlike	apart from	and yet

To show cause and effect:				SO
so	because	therefore	since	as a result
so that	inevitably	consequently	in the same way	for this reason

To signal sequence:				THEN
first	first of all	to begin with	at the start	initially
then	secondly	after that	soon after	following this
next	later on	afterwards	before long	after a while
lastly	finally	at last	in the end	eventually

To signal time and sequence:				WHEN
when	while	during	meanwhile	before
earlier	previously	later	after	following
Early that morning	Later that day	As evening fell	After many days	Weeks later

To give opinion:				HOWEVER
however	despite this	even so	nevertheless	in spite of
it would seem	it appears	on the other hand	whereas	
maybe	perhaps	possibly	probably	it is likely

For quantity:				SOME
nothing	none	some	few	a minority
several	many	most	mainly	the majority

For surprise or suspense:				
suddenly	that very moment	all of a sudden	without warning	in a flash
out of nowhere	unexpectedly	however	unknown to them	secretly

For dramatic effect:				
happily	fortunately	unbelievably	remarkably	frighteningly
sadly	unfortunately	tragically	luckily	terrifyingly

For emphasis and to persuade:				
the fact is	most agree that	some would argue	it is important to	naturally
surely	clearly	obviously	of course	undoubtedly
more importantly	especially	above all	indeed	in truth

For illustration:				
such as	for example	for instance	in other words	as shown by
to show that	this can be seen in	one example is	except for	unless

For conclusion and summary:				
therefore	overall	after all	on the whole	on balance
to summarise	finally	in conclusion	to conclude	in the end