

Useful Linking Words and Phrases For Essays

To indicate a contrast:

however	on the other hand	alternatively	in contrast
instead	conversely	on the contrary	in fact
rather	in comparison		
another possibility	but	better/worst still	
despite this	in spite of	nevertheless	notwithstanding
for all that	yet	although	all the same

To provide an illustration

for example	that is	that is to say	
in other words	namely	such as	
typical of this/such	on such	a typical/particular/key example	
including	especially	not least	
chiefly	mainly	most importantly	

To extend a point

similarly	equally	likewise	also
furthermore	Indeed	in the same way	
besides	above all	as well	in addition

To show cause and effect/conclusion:

so	therefore	thus
then	as result/consequence	resulting from
in this/that case	consequently	
for this reason	owing to/due to the fact	
it follows that	this suggests that	accepting/assuming this
in conclusion	it might be concluded from this	this implies
in short	to conclude	in all

To show the next step:

first(ly) second(ly)	to begin/start with	in the first/second place
first and foremost	first and most importantly	first
another	then	after
next	afterwards	then
finally	ultimately	lastly

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