

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

To extend a point

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

To show cause and effect/conclusion:

so	therefore	accordingly	thus	hence	then
as result/consequence		resulting from/in consequence of this			
in this/that case		consequently	because of this/that		
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	in brief	

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			
another	then	after	next	afterwards	third(ly)
finally	ultimately		lastly	last but not least	