

The following clusters of words and phrases are 'connectors': words that can be used to knit together the ideas and details in a piece of writing. To a careful reader such words are comprehension cues, signposting the writer's direction. Used sparingly and accurately, they can also aid the fluency of your own writing, particularly when you are handling information and argument.

**Addition**

and  
also  
further(more)  
in addition  
too  
again  
the following  
and then  
what is more  
moreover  
as well as

**Summary**

in brief/short  
on the whole  
throughout  
in all/overall  
to sum up/  
in summary

**Announcing  
opinion  
interpretation**

it would seem  
one might consider/  
suggest/propose  
suppose/imagine/  
deduce/infer  
to conclude

**Sequence**

initially  
first(ly)  
then  
so far  
after(wards)  
at last  
finally  
once  
secondly, etc.  
next, subsequently  
meanwhile  
at length  
in the end  
eventually

**Illustration**

for example  
for instance  
such as  
as (evidence)  
as revealed by  
thus  
to show that  
to take the case of

**Restriction**

only (if)  
unless  
except (for)  
save for

**Emphasis**

above all  
in particular  
notably  
specifically  
especially  
significantly  
more important  
indeed  
in fact

**Comparison**

equally  
similarly  
compared with  
an equivalent  
in the same way  
likewise  
as with

**Persuasion  
(assuming reader's  
agreement)**

of course  
naturally  
obviously  
clearly  
evidently  
surely  
certainly

**Cause and effect**

consequently  
thus  
so  
hence  
as a result  
because/as  
therefore  
accordingly  
since  
until  
whenever  
as long as

**Contrast balance**

but  
however  
nevertheless  
alternatively  
to turn to  
yet  
despite this  
on the contrary  
as for . . .  
the opposite  
still  
instead  
on the other hand  
whereas  
otherwise  
although  
apart from

## Hinges, bolts and sealers

<b>Hinges</b> (for making comparisons)	<b>Bolts</b> (for argument building)	<b>Sealers</b> (for summing up)
Although Both But Despite However In comparison In contrast Likewise On the other hand Unlike Whilst Yet	Also / As well as Another Consequently Firstly Furthermore Hence In addition/additionally Indeed Interestingly It could be said Maybe Moreover Perhaps Therefore Thus Undoubtedly	Above all else Finally In conclusion In general In summary Overall To summarise Most importantly