

Connectors in English Grammar: Simple Guide to Learn the Use of Linkers

What are connectors? Connectors in English grammar are basically conjunctive words that are used for connecting similar elements present in a sentence. There are different connectors in English that can be used for expressing your thoughts in a better way. Smart use of linkers can omit the requirement of single sentences and help in connecting the sentence in a more logical way.

In this article, you will not only know the various kinds of sentence connectors but will also get simple linker examples that will help you in understanding the meaning of connectors. So, let the journey begin.

Connectors in English Grammar

There are different types of connectors in English and each of those has a different use. So, how to use connectors? Let's check all of those sentence connectors and the examples.

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Contrast

Logical connectors to show the contrast	Sentence Linkers example
But	I wanted to go swimming but I am so tired.
However	The film received good ratings; however, it was very long.
On the other hand/ on the one hand	I was eager to join them for the vacation but on the other hand, my exam dates were getting closer.
Otherwise	Remind them beforehand otherwise, they might leave without taking the tickets.
Unlike	Zoey loved hot chocolate, unlike John.
Conversely	Zoey may not perform up to the mark in science subjects, but conversely, he has an impeccable hold in literature.
At the same time	She felt guilty and depressed at the same time.
In spite of	In spite of heavy rainfall, he took out his scooter and headed towards the hospital.

Despite	She kept on arguing despite her mistake.
Even though/ Although	He could manage the cooking part even though that would not taste awesome.
Still/ Yet/ Nevertheless	They are still present. I have not received it yet. What you said was right but nevertheless harsh.
Even so	He had a headache but even so, he went to pick her up.
On the contrary	Mother thought John was studying but on the contrary, he was sleeping.
In contrast	Rehan Infotech made a profit of Rs. 5 Crore in contrast to last financial year's loss of Rs. 10 Lakhs.
Whereas	All of her daughters are engineers whereas the younger one chose to be a teacher.

Cause & Effect Connector Words

These kinds of sentence connectors are used for explaining the reasons behind something.

Cause & effect sentence connector words	Example of linkers in English grammar
Therefore	I slept very late last night, therefore, I missed the morning prayer.
So	The blue bag was full so he kept the packet in the yellow bag.
Because	
Thus	
Hence	He is looking for a formal trouser because he has an important meeting tomorrow.
Due to	The match got cancelled due to the heavy rain.
As a result	As a result of the heavy rain, the match got cancelled.
Consequently	I got stuck in the traffic consequently I missed the flight.
Since	Since she loves ice cream so much, I decided to give her an ice-cream printed dress.
Seeing that	Seeing that he was losing the fight, he started blaming her mother.

On account of	Both the siblings were mentally unstable on account of their disturbed childhood.
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Connectors of Sequence and Conclusion

Sequence, conclusion and time connectors	Example of connector words in sentences
Later	Later, it all got resolved.
After	He also left after his wife.
Before	You have to try before coming to a conclusion.
Then	Once you reach the office, then make a call to the supervisor.
Next	The next episode is going to be very interesting.
Soon	They are soon to graduate.
Finally	Finally, the war came to an end,
Second/ Secondly	Secondly, you have to manage the team.
At first sight	At first sight, he appeared to be very arrogant.
First	First, you should go to the washroom and take a bath.
First of all	First of all, they are not my family and I can not be held responsible for their immature behaviour.
In the first place	In the first place, take care of the pets and then do the rest of your work.
To start with	To start with, I asked her to tell us about her hobbies.
Lastly	Lastly, we had our dinner and left.
And finally	And finally, the day of the verdict came.
In conclusion	In conclusion, it is always better to take prevention than cure.

Advanced Connectors

Advanced connectors	Use of linkers in sentences
In addition/ besides	The umbrella will protect you from the Sun, besides it will also come handy if rainfall starts.

On top of that	And on top of that, you will also get incentives.
Furthermore	He was tired and hungry furthermore he was ill.
Moreover	You have to cook lunch and moreover that you also have to go to the market in the evening.
What's more	What's more, now you have all that is required to have a wonderful vacation.

Purpose

Most common connector words	Linkers example
In order to	In order to prove him wrong, he started shouting.
So as to	You have to study hard so as to improve your career.
So that	Give me your resume so that I can forward it to the right department.
In order that	I want to finish my work today so that I can spend my weekend relaxing.

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Example Linkers in English Grammar

Example sentence connectors	Linkers example
For example	For example, take the rising graph of air pollution.
For instance	I like a few vegetables, for instance, potato, cabbage etc.

Opinion English Connectors List

Different opinion connectors in English	Use of linker words in sentences
To tell the truth	To tell the truth, I didn't like the show at all.
Personally	The show must go on, personally I think so.
To be honest	To be honest, I don't support the idea of destroying her career.
I think that	He has run away, I think.

It is true that	It is true that a lot of hard work has been put in here but I really can't see any reflection of that.
I agree	I agree with her decision.
As far as I am concerned	As far as I am concerned, I am done with it.
I disagree	I disagree with the thought of buying a new car even when we already have two.
From my point of view	The sin is terrific from my point of view.

Explanatory Linkers in English Grammar

Explanatory sentence connectors	Linkers example
More or less	There will be more or less 30 guests.
In general	Old people, in general, like to spend time with their grandkids.
Especially	It's tough to sleep, especially after the strong coffee we drank.
In particular	All women, in particular, have to be strong and determined.
Essentially	An electric kettle is useful essentially for the winter months.
Basically	The cake is basically full of chocolates.
In other words	The problem, In other words, is that we have to re-write the whole script.
In short	The outing, in short, could not lift up my mood.
Above all	The idea behind the meeting is, above all, to make the employees aware of the current financial crisis faced by the company.
At least	At least now when you know that we are here, you can jump in any day.

Emphasis Connector Words

English connectors list	Example
Also	He was told to study and also to take care of the dog.
Indeed	She was sweet indeed but needed proper grooming.
Of course	Sportsmen have a competitive approach while playing but of course,

	that should not be carried off the ground,
Certainly	Certainly, she has witnessed something cruel otherwise she would not be so nervous.
Specifically	He specifically looked for a diamond-studded ring.
Significantly	Her health was significantly improving.
Notably	Her academic career has been notably amazing.

Addition Linkers in English Grammar

Sentence connectors	Linker words example
As well as	The sound, as well as the picture quality, is amazing.
Further	I introduced him to the other members and that's it, I had no further conversation.
and then	John came from swimming and then left for basketball coaching.
And	He and other members went to the party.
Too	He too misbehaved with the maid.
In addition to	In addition to the notes, the teacher also suggested some reference books for the preparation.
Not only – but also	We are not only harming the environment but also becoming inhuman day by day.
Or	We can go to the movies or to the park.

Comparison

English comparison connectors list	English connectors example
As ...as	He is as good as his sister.
Equally	Both of them are equally talented.

As if	It seems as if they have cried a lot.
Similarly	We have chosen our group members, similarly, you can do that too.
Comparable	Today's weather is comparable with that of Darjeeling.
Like	He was determined to get a high-rank job like his cousin.
In like manner	All responded in a like manner.
In the same way	Now do the rest of the drawing in the same way as I did.
Despite this	She kept on going despite this injury on her left feet.
Alternatively	You can go to that Italian restaurant or alternatively you can even choose the Mexican food counter on the opposite side of the road.
By the way	By the way, here is my card.
Unless	I won't pay you unless you drop me to the right stoppage.

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Illustration Connectors in English Grammar

Where linkers are used? Check-out the table below with examples

Connector words	Example
Such as	There are many famous railway stations in the state of West Bengal such as Howrah, Sealdah, Ghum etc.
In this case	In this case, emotion will matter more than logic.
For one thing	He dedicated his entire youth for one thing only.
Illustrated by	The entire story was illustrated by Mr Sameer in a very clear manner.

Clause Connectors

Clause connectors are connector words used for connecting or joining clauses to create a grammatical and logical sentence.

There are three groups under clause connectors:

Subordinator/ subordinating conjunction

Coordinating conjunction

Sentence connector

Subordinator/ Subordinating Conjunction

After

Before

Since

Until

When

While

Because

Since

To make a contrast

Even though

Though

Whereas

Coordinating Conjunction

And

But

Yet

Or

Nor

For

And so

Sentence Connector

Furthermore

In addition

Besides

Moreover

However

Nevertheless

Otherwise

Consequently

And therefore

Importance of Connectors in English Grammar

Connectors are important because they make any phrase more logical and understandable. As a result, any transcriptionist who is transcribing audio files or other taped materials should constantly be conscious of the use of conjunctions. Consider the existence of the coordinating conjunction to denote reason in the following sentence: "I walked to the office because my car was being repaired."

While it may be tempting to add or change terms to make a phrase appear more genuine and proper, transcriptionists must resist the temptation since some contractors are passionate about the language they record or use. What a transcriptionist can do is transmit the proposals that the contractors have in mind. Respect is noticed and rapport is developed in this manner.

Conclusion

Connectors play an important role in English grammar as these help in forming sentences logically. There are different kinds of complex sentence connectors or phrase connectors but each of those has different usage.

Hopefully, this article will help you in identifying the different connectors in English and will also make you understand the uses.

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