

WRITING TIPS AND LINKING WORDS

1. OPENING

It is often said that
Many people claim that
In this day and age

Needless to say that
It goes without saying that
... is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion

Nowadays
These days

2. INTRODUCING POINTS, LISTING & ADDITION

First(ly)	First of all	In the first place	To start with
First and foremost	To begin with	Second(ly)	Third(ly)
Last but not least	Finally	Lastly	Last
For one thing	For another	Next	Then
Not only ... but also	Also	Further	Too
Furthermore	Similarly	Moreover	In addition
Additionally	Again	Then	Let alone
Equally important	Even	Besides	And
What is more	On top of that	As well as	Apart from
Another point worth noting is		Another factor to consider is	

First of all, I want to say it's great to be here. Secondly, I want to thank you all. Finally, I want to thank my parents.

She also speaks German. We have also bought a house.

She speaks German too.

In addition, she speaks German.

Besides, she speaks German. Besides Italian, she speaks German.

Apart from Italian, she speaks German.

She speaks Italian as well as German.

Roses are beautiful and, what's more, they aren't very expensive.

3. GIVING EXAMPLES, EXPLAINING AND PRESENTING IDEAS

For example	For instance	In other words	That is to say
This can be seen in	Such as	As revealed by	Illustrated by
Specifically	In particular	That is	For one thing
An instance of this	In that	Like	e.g / i.e.
When it comes to + noun/gerund	In terms of + noun/gerund		With respect to + noun/gerund
According to experts	Research has found that		There are those who argue that
As regards	Regarding		

We need some things. For instance, we have to buy a new mobile. / For instance, a new mobile.

4. EXPRESSING CAUSE AND RESULT

Because	Cause	Because of + noun phrase	As
Since	Thus	Another reason for	So
One reason behind this is	For this reason	That is why	Provided (that)
In case	Then	Therefore	Accordingly
If	Consequently	Thereupon	Now (that)
As a consequence	In consequence	Hence	As a result
Due to + noun/gerund	Noun/gerund has led to	On account of + noun/gerund	
Noun/gerund has resulted in	As a result of + noun/gerund		

The football match was postponed because the weather was bad.

The football match was postponed because of the bad weather

I like you since/as you are very honest.

Due to bad weather, the match was postponed.

Another reason for the success of new political parties is people's dissatisfaction with the government

Our teacher was ill, therefore we didn't take the exam.

There was nothing on TV, so I decided to go to bed.

I missed the bus. As a result, I had to wait.

The teacher was ill and, for this reason, we didn't take the exam.

I dislike pasta. That is why I never go to Italian restaurants.

5. OPPOSITION / CONTRAST

However	But	Nevertheless	Still
On the one hand	On the other hand	Anyway	Alternatively
Even so	In contrast	Whereas	While
Despite + noun/gerund	In spite of + noun/gerund	Yet	In fact
At the same time	Notwithstanding	On the contrary	In contrast
Contrary to	Instead	Even if	
Nonetheless	Although	(Even) though	Or
Conversely	Otherwise		

I like it but it is expensive.

She was quite ill. Nevertheless / However / Still, she went to school.

This TV program is really boring while / whereas that one is great.

In spite of/despite the cold, she went out in shorts.

Although/Even though it was cold, she went out in shorts.

If you don't have olive oil, you can use sunflower oil instead.

The weather was cold, yet bright and sunny.

I want to buy it even if I have to save money for a month.

On the one hand she is always late but, on the other hand, she always does her homework.

Today, some people have no money to buy basic things. In contrast, the luxury market is growing.

Contrary to expectations, people are not buying the new iPhone

6. PURPOSE

In order (not) to For + noun	To For + gerund (se usa cuando hablamos del uso principal de algo)	So as (not) to	So that
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I'm going to Ireland in order to visit my family.

I went to the post office to buy some stamps.

I went to the post office so as to buy some stamps.

I am saving money so that I can buy a new car.

I work for money.

Scissors are used for cutting

7. TIME SEQUENCE

In the beginning	Then	Meanwhile	Later
Afterwards	Next	After	After that
When	Since (then)	Until / Til	Before (that)
While	Whenever	Finally	Presently
Immediately	Currently	Thereafter	Subsequently
Eventually	Nowadays	In the meantime	As
At last	Once	As soon as	Suddenly
At that moment	In the end	By the time	

In the beginning, the situation was chaotic.

Then, someone called the police.

After that, the police came.

As soon as they arrived, the situation was under control.

When he saw the police, he went to talk to them.

While he was talking to them, the woman was sitting on a bench.

Suddenly, they heard a new explosion.

At that moment, a new car appeared.

Meanwhile, a lot of people stopped to see what was happening.

She stayed there until the man explained everything.

In the end, everybody went home.

By the time they got home it was very late.

8. COMPARISON

Similarly	Comparable	In the same way	Just as ... so too
Likewise	As with	Equally	A similar ...
Another ... like	As		

Cars must stop at red traffic lights. Similarly, bicycles should stop too.

You need time to learn how to swim. You learn a foreign language in the same way

9. PLACE

There	At that point	Here	Adjacent to
Beyond	On the other side	Nearby	In the front
In the back	Opposite to	Next to	

10. OPINIONS

In my opinion	I think (that)	From my point of view	In my view
I (strongly) believe (that)	I believe (that)	I feel (that)	Personally
It seems to me (that)	As I see it	As far as I'm concerned	
My own view on the matter is			

In my opinion, the referee was wrong.

In my view, alcohol should be forbidden.

I believe (that) the referee was wrong.

I feel (that) the government won't do anything about this problem.

It seems to me (that) the economic crisis is over.

Personally, I am against abortion.

As I see it, the president was right.

11. TO DESCRIBE REALITY

As a matter of fact	The truth is (that)	Actually (de hecho)	Indeed
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Pepe is a good basket player. In fact, he has won a lot of competitions.

Pepe is very short but, actually, he is a good basket player.

The truth is that I don't like politicians.

12. GENERAL STATEMENTS

In general	Generally	On the whole	As a rule
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Generally, people don't worry much about the environment.

As a rule, I stay home on Friday nights.

On the whole, the beach in Sanlúcar is overcrowded.

13. CONCLUDING

In conclusion	To conclude	In sum	To sum up
Summing up	As a summary	In short	In a nutshell
On the whole	Anyway	After all	In general
In brief	Clearly	To be sure	By and large
All things considered		Taking everything into consideration	
Weighing up both sides of the argument		Taking into account what has been mentioned	

In short, she had a great time in Ireland.

In conclusion, come to Sanlúcar and enjoy our city.