

LINKING WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

I. Complete the table with examples of linking words and expressions.

MEANING	LINKING EXPRESSIONS FOR BOTH INFORMAL AND FORMAL USE	LINKING EXPRESSIONS FOR (VERY) FORMAL USE
ADDITION	and, not only... but also, both...and	
CAUSE-EFFECT / REASON	because, so	
CONDITION	if	
CONTRAST / OPPOSITION	but, while	
EXAMPLE	for example, like	
SUMMARY – CONCLUSION	finally, lastly	
TIME	when, before, after, till, until	

II. Decide which type of linking expressions the following sentences belong to.

1. **Moreover**, travel information is very important for route planning.
2. We suspect they are trying to hide something, **hence** the need for an independent inquiry.
3. He **subsequently** became the chairman of the party.
4. Estimates suggest that the effects will continue, **but** at a more moderate rate.
5. There is a serious problem in the district, **namely** unemployment.
6. This poses a threat to agriculture and the food chain, and **consequently** to human health.
7. **Both** the husband **and** the wife were similarly successful in their chosen careers.
8. Some of the studies show positive results, **whereas** others do not.
9. The results are important for scientific research **in general** and geography **in particular**.
10. There is little chance that we will succeed in changing the law. **Nevertheless**, it is important that we try.
11. **Unless** I'm mistaken, she was back at work yesterday.

III. Join together the following sentences.

1. She wasn't very rich. She gave money to the beggar. (**although**)
=> **Although she wasn't very rich, she gave money to the beggar.**
2. You can go out tonight. You must tell us where you are going. (**provided**)
3. I don't earn a big salary. But if I did, I wouldn't buy a car. (**even if**)
4. Take a sandwich. There might be no restaurant. (**in case**)
5. There was a lot of noise. He managed to sleep. (**despite**)
6. Sue likes Opera. Joe prefers jazz. (**whereas**)
7. The weather was bad. They enjoyed the trip. (**even though**)
8. He had the 'flu. He went to work. (**in spite of**)
9. You have to put the alarm on. If not, it won't work. (**unless**)

IV. Test what you have learnt. Select a suitable conjunction in each sentence.

1. Polls show that Tony Blair is the most popular Prime Minister this century. _____, there are even members of his own party who are uneasy with his approach.
2. There are some slight variations in temperature, but _____ 26 to 27°C should be expected.
3. The two main Channel Islands, _____ Jersey and Guernsey, are much closer to France than to England.

You are actually naming the two islands mentioned, so **namely** is used.

4. It was announced that nurses' working hours would be increased by 25%. **As a result**, even fewer trainee nurses are expected to join the profession.

The second sentence is a result or consequence of the first. *So that* must be followed by a verb.

5. Sales of CDs have experienced a small but steady fall over the past 12 months. **In contrast**, vinyl records have seen an increase in their share of the market, up to 1.7%.

The second sentence contrasts vinyl with CDs.

6. The Vice Chancellor explained that in light of the current financial climate and because of unexpected bad debts, it would be necessary to peg salary levels at their current level for all grades of staff. **In other words**, no one was getting a pay rise.

The second sentence says the same as the first, but in a much simpler way (reformulation).

7. It is clear, therefore, that the situation in Brazil will improve only slowly. **With reference to** the economic problems being experienced in Japan, the outlook is slightly more optimistic.

The second sentence deals with a new aspect/point.

8 .In order to try to reduce car use in the inner cities, the government has announced new restrictions on company parking spaces and **in addition**, a new tax on individual car use.

Reinforcement of the idea; an extra point. *As well* as must be immediately followed by a noun or verb.

9. Essays must be handed in by the deadline, **otherwise** they will not be marked.

The second part is a consequence of the first.

10. **Even though** it has been shown that fractures can occur at even relatively low pressures, the use of the material should not be completely discounted.

The idea of concesssion again; the second part is somewhat unexpected.