

# Using Language Effectively

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## Cohesion: Connecting Words for Comparison and Contrast\*

The connecting words below will give cohesion to your paragraph. Look at these sentences to see the appropriate sentence structure and punctuation for each kind of connecting word.

### Key Words

**Unlike** Russian high schools, American high schools offer elective subjects.

### Coordinators

American high schools offer elective subjects, **but** Russian high schools do not.

### Transitional Words

American high schools offer elective subjects. **However**, Russian high schools have no electives.

### Subordinators

**While** American high schools offer elective subjects, Russian high schools have a set course of study.

# Words to indicate contrast

## ➤ Key words

*unlike*

*different from*

*yet*

## Coordinators

*but*

*despite*

## ➤ Transitional words

*however*

*nevertheless*

*in contrast*

*on the other hand*

## Subordinators

*although*

*even though*

*while*

*whereas*

# Words to indicate comparison

## *like, similar to, just like, the same as / and*

### *Example*

**Like** Muscoda High School, Nashua High School had a strong football team.

The emphasis on football at Muscoda High School was **similar** to the emphasis on that sport at Nashua High School.

### *Example*

Muscoda High School had an excellent band, **and** Nashua High School did, too.

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### TRANSITIONAL WORDS

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similarly  
likewise  
in the same way

### *Example*

Muscoda High School had an excellent band. **Similarly**, Nashua High School won honors for its band.

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### SUBORDINATORS

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just as

### *Example*

**Just as** Muscoda High School had an excellent band, so did Nashua High School.

# Practice

**ACTIVITY 6-7** Connect the following sentences in four different ways. In your sentences, use the connecting words given. The first one is done as an example.

1. In American schools the chairs can be arranged in a circle. In Russian schools the chairs are in straight rows.

unlike

yet

although

in contrast

Unlike American schools, in Russian schools the chairs are in straight rows.

In American schools the chairs can be arranged in a circle, yet in Russian schools the chairs are in straight rows.

Although in American schools the chairs can be arranged in a circle, in Russian schools the chairs are in straight rows.

In American schools the chairs can be arranged in a circle. In contrast, in Russian schools the chairs are in straight rows.