

Text connectives or Connectors

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Other words which contribute to the cohesion of the text are the text connectives. These are often called connectors, discourse markers or signal words. They provide the reader with signposts indicating how the text is developing. If the writer wants to show that a summary is coming up, for example, a phrase such as *In short ... or briefly ...* can be used. If the text is giving a sequence of points, these can be highlighted by the use of such words as *to begin ...*, *Secondly ...*, *In conclusion...*

The following is a list of commonly used text connectives:

Clarify	Showing cause/result	Indicating time	Sequencing ideas	Adding information	Condition/ concession
in other words	so	then	firstly, first	too	in that case
I mean	therefore	next	in the first place	in addition	otherwise
to put it another way	then	afterwards	first of all	indeed	if not
for example	consequently	at the same time	to start with	apart from that	however
for instance	in/as a consequence	before that	to begin	also	nevertheless
to be more precise	as a result	in the end	for a start	furthermore	despite this
or rather	for that reason	finally	second, third, fourth ...	On top of that	besides
in particular	due to ..., owing to ...	soon	at this point	and besides	yet
in fact	accordingly	after a while	to get back to the point	above all	on the other hand
as a matter of fact	because of this	at this point	then	along with	however
that is	in that case	meanwhile	in short	What is more	on the contrary
namely		at this moment	all in all	again	anyhow, anyway
to illustrate		later	briefly	let alone	instead
		previously	to summarise/to	as well	still