

Linking Words

Remember this:

Addition

- Besides,
- In addition,
- Also,
- Moreover,
- What's more,
- Furthermore,
- ...not only...but also.....
-, as well.
-, too.

Example : He painted the wall. He cleaned the room, too.

1. He painted the wall. **Besides**, he cleaned the room.
2. He painted the wall. **Moreover**, he cleaned the room.
3. He painted **not only** the wall, **but also** he cleaned the room.
4. **Not only** did he paint the wall, **but also** he cleaned the room.

Concession/ Contrast:

- Although...../although...
- Though...../.....though.....
- Even if...../even if.....
- Despite...../despite.....
- In spite of...../.....in spite of....
- However,.....
- ... Yet,.....
- Nevertheless,,
- Nonetheless,.....
- Whereas,.....
-, but.....

Example 1 : She came to school. She was sick.

1. **Although** she was sick, she came to school.
2. She came to school **although** she was sick.
3. **Despite** her sickness, she came to school.
 - being** sick, she came to school.
 - the fact that** she was sick, she came to school.
4. She came to school **despite** her sickness/ **despite being** sick/ **despite the fact that** she was sick.

Example 2 : He wears smart clothes. He is poor.

1. He is poor. **However**, he wears smart clothes.
2. He is poor. **Yet**, he wears smart clothes.

Example 3 : I like to live in a village. My brother prefers a city.
I like to live in a village, **whereas** my brother prefers a city.

Cause/ effect:

- Because...../because...
- As...../.....as.....
- Since...../since.....
- Because of...../because of.....
- Due to...../.....due to....
- Owing to...../.....owing to....
- Thanks to.../thanks to....
- ... Therefore,.....
- .. Consequently,.....
- As a result,.....
- So,.....
- .. Thus,.....

Example : He got an excellent mark. Bob worked hard.

1. Bob worked hard. **Therefore**, he got an excellent mark.
2. Bob worked hard. **As a result**, he got an excellent mark.
3. Bob worked hard. **Consequently**, he got an excellent mark.
4. The referee stopped the match **because** it was raining.
5. They cancelled the flight **because of** the bad weather.

EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. TV is a source of education. It's a source of entertainment, as well. (Besides)

2. He speaks English. He understands Spanish, too. (in addition)

3. She sings in the parties. She dances, too. (not only ..but also)

EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. Martha is blind. She can write English poems. (Although)

2. It was cold in New York. Our vacation was full of fun. (Despite)

3. Helen ran fast. She lost her final race. (Even if)

EXERCISE 3 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. Even though he was tired, he played the match. (However)

2. We walked to school. It was raining. (Nevertheless)

3. He didn't lose any weight. He exercised regularly. (Yet)

EXERCISE 4 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. He is famous. Messi has millions of fans. (because)

2. As it was Christmas holiday, the traffic was heavy. (Owing to)

3. There was a storm. We had to stay home. (because of)

4. She took up an English course. She could speak English.(thanks to)

QUIZ 4

Quiz on linking words

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EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested. (10Pts)

1. He can play the piano. He can sing, too. (not only.....but also)

2. She drives well. She can't pass her driving license. (Although)

3. He managed to win the final round. The boxer trained hard last time. (Therefore)

4. It was raining heavily. I had to drive slowly last night. (because)

5. His wife prefers to stay at home. Tom loves to spend his summer holiday abroad. (whereas)

6. Because Mr. Carter suffered from asthma, he left the city. (because of)

7. As the boy was young and naïve, he was easily convinced to buy the product. (since)

8. Even though he is wealthy, he lives in a small apartment in town. (Despite)

9. The snow didn't melt quickly. It was sunny and shining. (However)

10. Although Mark and Sam were in danger, they didn't call for help. (in spite of)

EXERCISE 2 Fill in each gap with the right linking word from the box. (6Pts)

because of - Despite - but - whereas - However - Although - thanks to

1. _____ the rain, the referee didn't stop the football match.
2. My brother had the necessary qualifications. _____ ,they didn't offer him the job.
3. _____his father is a vice-president, he spends his holiday in the countryside.
4. Emma is tolerant and easy-going, _____ her sister is strong-headed and selfish.
5. The husband divorced his wife _____her physical handicap.
6. I really want to help you, _____ I don't have time.

EXERCISE 3 Match the following sentences with their appropriate functions. (4Pts)

Sentences

1. He kept taking drugs. Consequently, he became addicted to cocaine.
2. In brief, the internet is good and bad at the same time.
3. In spite of eating less, Mark is gaining more weight.
4. Mrs. Brady left her job because of her low salary.
5. Students not only ate cakes in the party but also they took pictures.
6. Life in England is hectic, whereas in Morocco is quite peaceful.
7. Vegetarians eat just vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes, etc.
8. Reading books is useful. That is to say, readers can get vocabulary and ideas through reading.

Functions

- a- result
- b- concession
- c- summarizing
- d- adding
- e- cause/ effect
- f- contrast
- g- explanation
- h- examples

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____ 7: _____ 8: _____