# Useful Linking Words and Phrases For Essays

## To indicate a contrast:

- however
- on the other hand
- alternatively
- in contrast
- instead
- conversely
- on the contrary
- in fact
- rather
- in comparison
- on the contrary
- in fact
- another possibility
- but
- better/worst still
- notwithstanding
- despite this
- in spite of
- nevertheless
- not with standing
- for all that
- yet
- although
- all the same

## To provide an illustration

- for example
- that is
- that is to say
- in other words
- namely
- such as
- typical of this/such
- on such
- a typical/particular/key example
- including
- especially
- not least
- chiefly
- mainly
- most importantly

## To extend a point

- similarly
- equally
- likewise
- also
- furthermore
- Indeed
- in the same way
- besides
- above all
- as well
- in addition

## To show cause and effect/conclusion:

- so
- therefore
- thus
- then
- as result/consequence
- resulting from
- in this/that case
- consequently
- for this reason
- owing to/due to the fact
- it follows that
- this suggests that
- accepting/assuming this
- in conclusion
- it might be concluded from this
- this implies
- in short
- to conclude
- in all

## To show the next step:

- first(ly) second(ly)
- to begin/start with
- in the first/second place
- first and foremost
- first and most importantly
- first
- another
- then
- after
- next
- afterwards
- then
- finally
- ultimately
- lastly

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