

Linking words 2

Explanations

Reason

- **Because, as and since**

As and *since* have the meaning of *because* and can begin a sentence.

As/since it was late, we decided to go home.

In formal, written language we can use *for* to mean *because*, but it cannot begin a sentence.

Peter has given up sailing, for he doesn't have the time.

- *Because of, on account of, due to and owing to*

We can use all these words in place of *because of*.

Everyone was depressed on account of/due to/owing to the bad weather.

Note this difference:

Sue's success was due to her hard work. (noun + *be* + *due to*)

Sue succeeded owing to her hard work. (verb + *owing to*)

Text organizers

Grammar 13 and the first part of this unit cover linking words that join clauses within a sentence. There are also linking words that join ideas across sentences and paragraphs. These are sometimes called 'text organizers' because they make clear the organization of what we say or write. They are more common in writing or formal speech. They usually come at the start of a sentence and have a comma afterwards, but can come after a comma in the middle of a sentence.

- **Sequencing**

We often number or order the points we are making.

First (of all) ..., Secondly ..., Next..., Then ..., Finally/lastly/last of all ...

In narrative, the sequence of events can be introduced by:

First..., Then ..., After that..., Finally/in the end ...

- **Adding**

We can introduce additional points.

Furthermore ..., Moreover ..., In addition to ..., As well as this ..., Besides this,...

- **Giving opinions**

We can introduce personal opinions.

Personally ..., In my own opinion/view...

- **Giving examples**

We can introduce examples.

For example ..., For instance...

We can also use *such as* to give an example, but it is not used at the beginning of a sentence.

*The factory produces electrical goods, **such as** food mixers and other kitchen appliances.*

- **Showing a result**

Grammar 13 gave some informal ways to show a result. Formal ways include:

Consequently ..., As a result..., Thus ...

- **Making a contrast**

Grammar 13 gave some informal ways to make a contrast. Formal ways include:

On the other hand ..., However ..., Nevertheless ..., In contrast..., In comparison ...

- **Summarizing**

We can summarize all the points we have made.

In conclusion ..., To sum up ...