

Connectives



Connectives are the glue that holds a text together. They join **clauses** together in a sentence, and they join **sentences** in a piece of writing.

Connectives don't have to be just one word. They can be phrases like 'in other words' or 'In addition to this'.

Different connectives have different **functions.**

They might be used to add information, to provide a contrast, signal cause and effect or to indicate time.

Addition

- **And**
- **Also**
- **In addition**
- **Moreover**
- **Furthermore**
- **As well as**

Time

- **Initially**
- **Firstly, secondly etc.**
- **Then**
- **Next**
- **Afterwards**
- **Finally**
- **Subsequently**
- **Eventually**
- **Previously**

Emphasis

- **Above all**
- **In particular**
- **Notably**
- **Specifically**
- **More importantly**

To show similarities

- **Equally**
- **Similarly**
- **Likewise**
- **In the same way**

Contrast and Balance

- **However**
- **Nevertheless**
- **Alternatively**
- **Despite this**
- **On the contrary**
- **Yet**
- **Whereas**
- **Although**
- **In contrast**
- **On the other hand**

Opinion and Interpretation

- **It would seem**
- **It appears**
- **Obviously**
- **Possibly**
- **It seems likely**
- **Presumably**
- **One might consider**

Illustration

- For example
- For instance
- In other words
- Such as
- An instance
- As revealed by

Cause and effect

- **Consequently**
- **As a result of this**
- **Therefore**
- **Thus**
- **So**
- **For this reason**
- **Since**
- **Because**

Persuasion

- **Of course**
- **Clearly**
- **Evidently**
- **Surely**
- **Certainly**
- **Decidedly**
- **Indeed**
- **Undoubtedly**

Summary or conclusion

- **In brief**
- **On the whole**
- **To summarise**
- **Overall**
- **To sum up**
- **Evidently**
- **In conclusion**
- **To conclude**
- **Finally**

Activity

Choose an appropriate connective for the following pieces of text.

There may be several connectives for each gap and a suggestion of possible answers is provided.

Think carefully about the job it is doing in the sentence/paragraph.

1. Y7 pupils have the opportunity to go to lots of different after school activities. they are offered the chance to go on school trips.

2. Mrs Williams did not agree with the new system and thought it was too complicated.

..... Miss Perry argued that it would improve waiting times.

Answers

1. Furthermore, in addition to this, moreover, also
2. However, on the other hand, in contrast, despite this, nevertheless

3.he was well prepared for the match, his nerves got the better of him.

4. Mr Brown forgot his tickets.

..... he was turned away at the gate.

Answers

3. Despite the fact that, although

4. Consequently, as a result of this, therefore, for this reason

5. Factories produce lots of pollution which is harmful to the atmosphere. Car emissions are also a real problem because they add more CO₂ to the atmosphere. We rely too much on burning fossil fuels which are not renewable and we must look for cleaner ways to produce energy. Deforestation means cutting down trees and this affects the atmosphere as trees absorb CO₂.

....., there are lots of man made problems which are contributing to global warming and we must find a solution.

Answer

5. To summarise, overall, in conclusion, to conclude