

Showing Contrast

In spite of / Despite } + noun/ pronoun (nominal group) / gerund

Although / though / even though / in spite of the fact that } clause (subject + verb)

though (informal speech, usually at the end of a clause)

In spite of the rain,** we went out. / **We went out in spite of the rain.

Although it was raining,** we went out. / **We went out although it was raining.

However,
Nevertheless,
Nonetheless,
In spite of that,
Even so,

} + Clause (Subject + verb)

*It was a rainy day. **However,** we decided to go out.*

***Nevertheless, nonetheless** are more formal.*

But / Yet + clause BUT is more common but informal. YET more formal and literary.

On the one hand,
On the other hand,

} + Clause (Subject + verb) (two ideas in contrast)

On the one hand, the company offers a good salary. **On the other hand,** it doesn't offer medical services for the employees.

It's not a very nice flat. **On the other hand,** it's cheap.

On the contrary, } + Clause (Subject + verb)

While
Whereas

} + Clause (Subject + Verb)

This is a great team, **while** the other lacks a bit of experience.

In contrast to
Contrary to

} + nominal group

Contrary to my opinion, I must accept it.

Showing Reason, Cause, and Purpose

These linking words show REASON or CAUSE:

Because
As
Since (formal)
Seeing that } + Clause (Subject + Verb)

Because it's late, we should all go home.
We should all go home **because it's late**.

Because of
Owing to *
Due to * } Nominal group (SN)

Because of the weather, we stayed at home.
We stayed at home **because of the weather**.
*more formal

Showing purpose

In order to
So as to
To } Base form of the verb

*She uses her video **in order to record** her favourite programme.*

In order that
So that } Clause with a modal verb (can / could / will / would + inf))

*She uses her video **so that she can record** her favourite programme.
She put a blanket over the baby **so (that)** he wouldn't be cold.*

👁 Negative form: **so as not to / in order not to. (never ; not to)**
She is studying **so as not to fail**.

In case + clause (it's used to be ready for future situations/problems to avoid them)
*I'm not going to tell Ann **in case** she tells everyone else.*

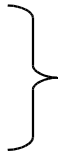
For + noun *I went to the bank **for a meeting***

For + -ing (*to describe the exact purpose of a thing*) *This liquid is **for cleaning** metal.*

Giving examples and adding information

Examples

**For example,
For instance,
Such as**



Vegetables are a good source of vitamins; **for example/for instance**, pepper has vitamin C.
Singers **such as** Madonna and Sting are popular throughout the world.

Adding Information

**Moreover
Furthermore
Besides *
In addition**



Followed by a comma

I'm too busy to take a holiday. **Moreover**, I don't have the money.

* **Besides** (emphasises what introduces) . It can be followed by a clause or a nominal group.

I'm too fat to wear a pair of jeans. **Besides**, I haven't got the money to buy them.

Who are you bringing to the party **besides your boyfriend**?

**In addition to
As well as**



Nominal Group

In addition to classical music, she likes jazz.

Besides + clause = In addition + clause

It's often quicker to travel by train than by car or bus. **Besides / In addition**, *it's usually cheaper too.*

Besides + nominal group = In addition to + nominal group

In addition to / Besides *being a lawyer*, John Grisham is also an author

**Apart from
Except (for)**



Apart from English, she speaks three other foreign languages.
He eats nothing **except (for)** bread and fish.

Showing a Sequence and Result

First of all,
To begin with,
First,
Firstly,
Second,
Secondly,
Then,

} + Clause (subject + verb)

The next stage is to - inf
The next stage is to view....

Finally,
In short,
To sum up,
In conclusion,
Lastly,
Last but not least,

} + Clause (Subject + Verb)

***First of all,** we should talk to the manager. **Then,** we must make a detailed plan. **Finally** ,we need to have good ideas before we present our plan to the whole company.*

Result

Therefore
As a result,
Consequently
For this reason,
Thus, (same meaning but less formal)

} + Clause (Subject + Verb)

*Tina keeps her car in good condition. **Therefore** it always passes its annual road test.*

Therefore /consequently can also be used before a main verb:

*We have **therefore/consequently** decided not to offer you the job.*

SO + clause (informal) *They may need a new goalkeeper **so** I want to be ready.*

As a result of + Nominal Group

***As a result of** his brave action, he was awarded a military medal.*