

## Linking Ideas: A Reference Guide

Relationship	Word/Phrase	Example Sentences
Comparison and Contrast	<p>A <b>is larger than</b> B.</p> <p>A <b>is more expensive than</b> B.</p> <p>C <b>is the largest/ most expensive</b>.</p> <p>C <b>is significantly larger than</b> B.</p> <p>C is expensive, <b>whereas</b> A is cheap.</p> <p>A is quite small. <b>On the other hand</b>, C is very large.</p> <p><b>The main difference between</b> A and C is that A is cheap whereas C is expensive.</p>	<p>Fossil fuels create carbon monoxide, <b>whereas</b> hydrogen combustion produces only water.</p> <p>Bicycles are <b>significantly cheaper</b> to run than cars.</p>
Cause and Effect	<p>Speeding <b>is the cause of</b> many car accidents.</p> <p>Speeding <b>causes/ leads to/ results in</b> many car accidents.</p> <p>Car accidents <b>are caused by/ are the result of</b> speeding.</p> <p>Car accidents occur <b>because of</b> speeding.</p> <p>Car accidents occur <b>because/since</b> people speed.</p> <p><b>As a result of</b> speeding, car accidents occur.</p>	<p>People need oil <b>because</b> it is essential for everyday life.</p> <p>Many people are unsure of nuclear energy <b>because of</b> the possibility of nuclear accidents.</p> <p>Windmills are controversial <b>since</b> they can be noisy and ugly.</p>
Additional Information	<p>A is small <b>and</b> cheap.</p> <p>A is small. A is <b>also</b> cheap.</p> <p><b>Not only</b> is A cheap <b>but</b> it is <b>also</b> small.</p> <p><b>As well as/ In addition to</b> being cheap, A is small.</p> <p>A is small. <b>In addition</b>, A is cheap.</p>	<p>Nuclear accidents have occurred <b>and, in addition</b>, tonnes of deadly radioactive waste have been produced.</p>
Opposition	<p>Exam time can be stressful, <b>but/ yet</b> it is possible to survive.</p> <p><b>Although</b> exam time can be stressful, it is possible to survive.</p> <p><b>Despite/ In spite of</b> the stress of exam time, it is possible to survive.</p> <p>Exam time is stressful. <b>However</b>, it is possible to survive.</p>	<p>Industries continue to rely on oil <b>despite</b> increasing prices.</p> <p>Solar energy is rarely used in most countries <b>although</b> the technology is available.</p> <p>Public transport is good for our environment <b>but</b> it is not always reliable.</p>