Essay Writing Linking Words

## **Useful Linking Words and Phrases**

### to **add** something:

and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, next, what is more, moreover, as well as, in addition, additionally, first(ly) – second(ly) – third(ly), not only...(but also)

# to show similarity:

similarly, likewise, in a similar manner, like, in the same way equally

# to place what you have said in a **particular context**:

in this connection, in this perspective

## to prove your point:

for, because of this, since, for the same/this reason, for this purpose, therefore, obviously, evidently, indeed, in fact, in any case, so that

## to give an **example** or an **illustration**:

for example, for instance, such as, this demonstrates, in this case, in another case, to illustrate, as an illustration, to take/give another example, namely, that is, in other words, as shown by, as illustrated by, as expressed

#### to show cause and effect:

as a result, as a consequence, consequently, due to, hence, in view of, on account of, accordingly, for this reason, therefore, thus

## to show difference:

yet, even so, despite (the fact)

#### to **compare** or to show **contrast**:

however, nevertheless, nonetheless, neither...nor, rather, whereas, yet, on the one/other hand, on the contrary, compared to, although, though, meanwhile, in contrast, after all, otherwise, alternatively, even so, despite

#### to express an **alternative**:

or, either...or, whether...or (not), of course, naturally, one may object that

#### to repeat, insist, refer back to an earlier point:

as pointed out/mentioned before, in brief, as suggested above, with this in mind

# to **emphasize**:

definitely, extremely, indeed, absolutely, obviously, naturally, always, never, certainly, surprisingly, without a doubt, undeniably

#### to introduce a **new point**:

furthermore, moreover, in addition, on a different point

#### to **conclude** a paragraph or essay:

thus, lastly, finally, in brief, in short, on the whole, all in all, to sum up, to summarise, to conclude, in conclusion, as has been shown, therefore, in other words