



IELTS Cohesion and Linking Words

Cohesive devices (linkers/connectors) are words and phrases that connect ideas and make your writing/speaking flow naturally.

Adding Information

Useful Words: moreover, in addition, furthermore, also

How to Use: To add one idea to another.

✓ Example: "Online classes are convenient. Moreover, they allow students to save money on travel."

Giving Examples

Useful Words: for example, for instance, such as, namely

How to Use: To illustrate your point with evidence.

✓ Example: "Many people enjoy fast food. For instance, burgers and pizzas are popular worldwide."

Showing Contrast

Useful Words: however, on the other hand, although, whereas

How to Use: To show opposite or different ideas.

✓ Example: "Traditional books are still valuable. However, many students now prefer digital materials."

Showing Cause & Effect

Useful Words: therefore, thus, as a result, consequently

How to Use: To explain results or outcomes.

✓ Example: "The population has increased rapidly. As a result, housing has become more expensive."

Expressing Opinion

Useful Words: in my opinion, I believe, personally, from my perspective

How to Use: To state your view in essays or speaking.

✓ Example: "In my opinion, governments should invest more in education than in space research."

Showing Sequence / Order

Useful Words: firstly, secondly, finally, to begin with, next

How to Use: To organize your points clearly.

✓ Example: "Firstly, education improves job opportunities. Secondly, it raises awareness about social issues."

Showing Conclusion

Useful Words: in conclusion, to sum up, overall, in summary

How to Use: To end essays or long answers.

✓ Example: "In conclusion, technology has both positive and negative effects, but its advantages outweigh the drawbacks."