# Linking Words Cheat Sheet for Speaking and Writing

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| Function | Everyday | More formal | Example |
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| **Adding** | and, also, too, as well, besides | in addition, moreover, furthermore | The flat is small. Besides, it's far from work. |
| **Contrast** | but, though, still, even so | however, nevertheless, whereas, on the other hand | It was expensive. However, it was worth it. |
| **Concession** | although, even though | despite / in spite of + noun or -ing | Although it rained, we went out. Despite the rain, we went out. |
| **Reason** | because, since, as | due to, owing to, because of + noun | The flight was cancelled because of the storm. |
| **Result** | so, that's why | therefore, as a result, consequently | Sales fell. As a result, the shop closed. |
| **Purpose** | to, so that | in order to, so as to | I left early so that I could miss the traffic. |
| **Example** | like, for example, such as | for instance, in particular | Cities such as Lisbon have changed fast. |
| **Sequence** | first, then, after that, in the end | firstly, subsequently, finally | First we met the team. After that, we signed. |
| **Summary** | so, basically, all in all | in conclusion, to sum up, overall | All in all, it was a good year. |
| **Opinion** | I think, to be honest, if you ask me | in my view, it seems to me that | In my view, the plan is too risky. |

Punctuation: however, therefore and moreover start a new sentence or follow a semicolon. Although, whereas and because join two clauses in one sentence.