

Linking Words for Coherence

Type	Linking Words	Example Sentence
cause/reason	because, since, as	I check sources carefully because some information is not correct.
result / consequence	so, therefore, as a result	In addition , students should compare different sources.
addition / also	and, also, in addition, moreover	In addition , students should compare different sources.
contrast / opposite	but, however, although, on the other hand	Some websites are easy to read, but they are not always accurate.
example/clarification	for example, for instance, such as	Students can use books such as dictionaries to check facts.
• Words in this color are informal		
• Words in this color are formal		

Choose the correct word from the options in parentheses and write it.

- I always check my sources carefully _____ some information might be wrong. (*because / so / but*)
I always check my sources carefully _____ some information might be wrong. (*since / such as / because*)
- This article is very reliable, _____ I will use it in my assignment. (*so / because / and*)
This article is very reliable; _____, I will use it in my assignment. (*therefore / thus / on the other hand*)
- Some websites are free, _____ they do not have accurate information. (*and / but / so*)
Some websites are free; _____, they do not have accurate information. (*however / and / yet*)
- Students should compare sources, _____ they can find mistakes more easily. (*so / but / and*)

- Students should compare sources; _____, they can find mistakes more easily. (*therefore / so / and*)
5. Many students use Wikipedia _____ it is not always accurate. (*although / so / and*)
Many students use Wikipedia, _____ it is not always accurate. (*even though / though / whereas*)
6. Books and journals are useful, _____ students can check websites too. (*and / but / so*)
Books and journals are useful; _____, students can check websites too. (*in addition / and / so*)
7. I read many articles, _____ I still could not find the correct answer. (*but / however / so*)
I read many articles; _____, I still could not find the correct answer. (*however / but / yet*)
8. Students must check the date of the source _____ the information may be old. (*because / so / and*)
Students must check the date of the source _____ the information may be outdated. (*yet / as / because*)
9. Dictionaries are very helpful _____ they explain difficult words clearly. (*because / but / so*)
Dictionaries are very helpful _____ they explain difficult words clearly. (*as / yet / so*)
10. I like online articles, _____ some of them are not reliable. (*but / so / because*)
I like online articles; _____, some of them are not reliable. (*however / nevertheless / yet*)
11. Some sources are difficult to read, _____ they contain important information. (*but / and / so*)
Some sources are difficult to read; _____, they contain important information. (*nevertheless / and / yet*)
12. Students should read reliable sources _____ they can write a good essay. (*so / but / because*)
Students should read reliable sources; _____, they can write a good essay. (*therefore / so / and*)

13. This journal is written by an expert, _____ it is more trustworthy. (*so / but / and*)
This journal is written by an expert; _____, it is more trustworthy. (*so / and / thus*)
14. I found many sources, _____ some of them are not useful. (*but / and / so*)
I found many sources; _____, some of them are not useful. (*but / however / yet*)
15. Peer-reviewed articles are very helpful _____ they give accurate information.
(*because / but / so*)
Peer-reviewed articles are very helpful _____ they provide accurate information.
(*since / because*)
16. Many students ignore websites, _____ some websites are very informative. (*but / and / so*)
Many students ignore websites; _____, some websites are very informative.
(*however / but / yet*)