

## Linkers

We use certain words to join sentences and link ideas. These words are called **linkers**. 'And', 'so' and 'but' are examples of them.

**And** is used to add information.

e.g. *She is my sister and my best friend*

**But** is used to express contrast

e.g. *She tried to stop but she hit the man*

*It was late but she couldn't sleep*

**So** is used to express result

e.g. *They didn't like the music so Hannah spoke to the DJ.*

*She was in hurry so she was driving fast*

### B Linking words (*although, however, etc.*)

#### 1 Meaning

##### a Words with a similar meaning to *and*

*My cousin's a professional footballer. He's also an excellent tennis player.*  
*I haven't got time to go on holiday. **Besides**, I can't afford it.*  
*Yoga is excellent exercise. **what's more**, it really helps you to relax.*

##### b Words with a similar meaning to *but*

***Although** she's much younger than me, we get on very well.*  
*The economy seems to be improving. **Despite this**, unemployment is still high.*  
*Her father was very angry with her. **However**, he didn't say anything.*

Other such phrases include *though, even though* and *in spite of (this)*.

##### c Words with a similar meaning to *so*

*More and more people are moving to the city. **As a result**, housing is terribly expensive.*  
*At least you haven't lied to me. **For this reason**, I'm not going to punish you.*  
*He received just five percent of the votes, and **therefore** he has been eliminated.*

Other such words and phrases include *that's why* and *consequently*.

#### 2 Word order

##### a *Although* is a conjunction – it joins two clauses (smaller sentences). There are two possible positions.

***Although** I don't like him, I respect his opinion.*

*I respect his opinion, **although** I don't like him.*

*Though and even though* can be used in the same way.

##### b All the other words and phrases are adverbials. There are three possible positions for them in the sentence or sentences:

###### 1 at the beginning of the second sentence.

*She loved him very much. **However**, he knew they could never marry.*

All the adverbials on page 119 can be used in this position.

###### 2 in the middle of the second sentence.

*She loved him very much. **He knew, however**, they could never marry.*

*Also, despite this, what is more and therefore* can be used in this position.

###### 3 at the end of the second sentence (although many people consider this rather formal / old-fashioned).

*She loved him very much. **He knew they could never marry, however.***

*Therefore* can be used in this position.

#### REMEMBER!

Also comes before the main verb and after verb be and auxiliary verbs.

*Adam is a very keen golfer. He **also** likes tennis.*

*Adam is a very keen golfer. He is **also** very keen on tennis.*

#### Choose the correct alternative

- 1 It hasn't rained for two months. As a result / However / In spite of this the ground is very dry.
- 2 I like the country very much although / consequently / therefore I wouldn't want to go and live there
- 3 Despite / Event though / However he's young, he's very mature
- 4 It's much too early to go home now. Besides / For this reason / That's why you haven't met everyone yet.
- 5 As well as being fluent in French and English, Nadine also / besides / what's more understands German

#### Fill in the blanks with *both, also, although, or as well as*.

- 1 This movie is \_\_\_\_\_ funny and sad
- 2 David Beckham is a handsome man \_\_\_\_\_ a god football player
- 3 She has \_\_\_\_\_ brought the kids with her
- 4 I admire athletes because they're disciplined \_\_\_\_\_ hardworking
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ my aunt is in her late sixties, she doesn't have any wrinkles.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ my mum and my dad are Boca fans
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ he is calm, he's not very patient
- 8) You should \_\_\_\_\_ remember to buy the newspaper

	<b>Using "and" on an essay</b>
	<b>Using "also"</b>
	<b>Using "as well as"</b>
	<b>Using semi-colons</b>
	<b>Using "Furthermore"</b>