

Unit 1

Using linking devices

1 Linking devices mark the functions of other sentences and phrases, such as solutions, results and examples. Match each linking device with the correct function.

addition

example

reason

condition

purpose

result

and ■ consequently, ■ and so ■ since ■ for instance, ■ because ■ in order to
therefore, ■ if ■ furthermore, ■ as a result, ■ for example,

Using trigger words

1 Read the paragraph from a Task 2 essay on overcrowded cities and find the linking devices which match these functions.

Reason ■ Result ■ Example ■ Solution

Many cities in the world have now become very overcrowded because people are migrating in from the countryside in search of work. As a result, facilities like water supplies and public transport cannot cope with the demands from increased numbers of people and so they are under severe strain. The obvious answer is to encourage the creation of jobs outside the cities. For example, we could encourage certain businesses to set up branches in rural areas.

2 Linking devices can be used to trigger ideas because they mark functions. Use the trigger words below to develop the ideas given.

A *If people migrate to cities, they become*

And so _____.

And as a result _____.

A good idea would be to _____.

By doing this, _____.

B *People spend too much time watching TV.*

For example, _____.

Consequently, _____.

If _____, then _____.

This could lead to _____.

C *The development of tourism often creates negative feelings among local people because* _____.

For example, _____.

The obvious answer is to _____.

Furthermore, _____.



Technique

Use linking devices to trigger your own ideas and to organize them. Also use them to guide the reader through your writing. When you are planning a Task 2 answer, write down some trigger words to help you develop your basic idea.