## *Let's put into practice the use of linkers!*



1. **Put the following linkers in the right columns.**

**For instance** **In addition** **In consequence** **However** **Finally**
**Firstly** **On the one hand** **In spite of** **On the other hand**
**But** **Whereas** **Nevertheless** **Similarly** **In contrast** **In general**
**Moreover** **Secondly** **Even though** **Equally important** **like**
**Accordingly** **Furthermore** **For example** **also** **therefore** **despite**

| Introducing an example | Providing extra information | Suggesting a result | Introducing contrast or comparison | Setting out stages of an argument |
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2. **Now, complete this part of an essay with the correct linker.**

***Therefore - Also - Like - In addition - However - In consequence - Furthermore - Firstly - For instance - Equally important - Secondly - Therefore***

It is true that many students struggle to produce high-quality essays. (1)_____,

I do not agree that there is little you can do to improve your essays or to make the task less difficult.

(2)_____, let us examine what an essay needs in order to be considered "good".

To begin with, a good essay must answer the question fully. (3)_____it must address each of the points raised in the essay title. (4)_____, it must present these points in an organized and logical way. A good writer will, (5)_____, avoid using the same

words or phrases. This can be easily achieved by using techniques (6)_____paraphrasing. (7)_____, you can use synonyms of words rather than repeating the same ones. (8)_____, all of the ideas presented in your essay must be relevant and supported by examples.

(9)_____, let us consider what students can do in order to improve their essay-writing skills. Clearly, a good knowledge of the language is required to be able to write an essay that has few errors and communicates well. (10)_____, writing a good essay requires more than good language skills (11)_____ people often find it difficult to write essays even in their own language. As with any skill, the best way to learn is from our mistakes. To learn how to ride a bike you need to get on one and fall off a few times. (12)_____, students can improve their essay writing through making and correcting mistakes and through constant practice.

## *What are the do's and don'ts of argumentative essays?*

**3. Read the statements and choose TRUE or FALSE.**

a) Follow assignment guidelines. True False
b) Signposting could be a good idea (to indicate to the reader the direction of the essay or argument) True False
c) Preface a statement with phrases such as, "I believe," or "I think." True False
d) Attribute all ideas to their source by quoting. True False
e) Use wordy constructions to sound "academic". True False
f) Make sure the organization of your paper is logical. True False
g) Avoid repetition. Avoid jumping back and forth between paragraph topics. True False
h) Do carefully proofread: spell-check, read your essay through at least once to check for good paragraph structure, focus and flow, do a final edit for punctuation and grammar. True False