

Addition links

The linking expressions below are used at the beginning of sentences and paragraphs to introduce points in a certain order. Put them in the correct groups below.

For the initial point – A

For subsequent points – B

For the last point – C

Which three of those used for subsequent points are quite formal – D,

and which two are fairly informal – E?

above all

additionally

as well as that

besides

finally

firstly

for a start

furthermore

in addition

in the first place

lastly

secondly

last but not least

more importantly

most importantly

moreover

on top of that

to begin with

what is more

worse still

Sentence adverbs

We can use an adverb, often at the beginning of the sentence followed by a comma to show how we feel about the fact or event we are writing about. Drag the adverbs given below and drop them on the underlined words in the following sentences.

admittedly

apparently

fortunately

generally

happily

mysteriously

obviously

sadly

unexpectedly

unsurprisingly

1. Last winter was one of the coldest ever recorded, which nobody had expected.
2. When people are asked where they want to live, in most cases they say 'in the countryside'.
3. From what I have read, they are going to build a dam across the river.
4. Part of the forest was destroyed by fire, which was a pity.
5. A bridge collapsed during the storm. It was lucky that nobody was injured.
6. It came as no surprise that the company said it was not to blame for the oil slick.
7. Two children went missing during the flood, but the good news is they are now safe.
8. I do not know if there is a Recycling Centre, but I am afraid it is true I have not tried very hard to find out.
9. There is a real crisis in fishing. It is clear that too many boats are chasing too few fish.
10. I do not know why, but all the apples have disappeared from the tree in my garden.

Comment on each situation by writing a sentence containing a sentence adverb. There is an example at the beginning.

1. You have heard that summers are going to get hotter.
Apparently, the summers are getting hotter.
2. You lost your mobile phone, but someone found it and gave it back to you.
3. People were asked if they wanted to give up eating meat. Most said 'no'.
4. You hear footsteps behind you but when you look round there is no-one there.
5. A friend you have not seen or heard from for years knocks on your door.