

LINKING WORDS IN ENGLISH

Emphasis	Addition	Contrast	Order
Undoubtedly	Additionally / an additional	Unlike	First/ firstly
Indeed	Furthermore	Nevertheless	Second/ secondly
Obviously	Also	On the other hand	Third/ thirdly
Particularly / in particular	Too	Nonetheless	Finally
Especially	As well as that	Despite / in spite of	At this time
Clearly	Along with	In contrast (to)	Following
Importantly	Besides	While	Previously
Absolutely	In addition	Whereas	Before
Definitely	Moreover	Alternatively	Subsequently
Without a doubt	Not only...but also	Conversely	Above all
Never	In addition to this	Even so	Last but not least
It should be noted	Apart from this	Differing from	First and foremost

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the appropriate linking word from the list below:

- I like coffee _____ tea. (and/but)
- He is tired _____ he wants to go to bed. (so / because)
- I can swim, _____ I can't dive. (however / so)
- She doesn't like pizza _____ she loves pasta. (but/and)
- It's raining outside, _____ we should take an umbrella. (so / because)
- He studied hard, _____ he passed the exam. (so / because)
- I wanted to go to the concert, _____ the tickets were sold out. (but / so)
- She likes ice cream _____ chocolate. (and / but)

Exercise 2: Choose the Right Linking Word

Choose the correct linking word (and, but, so, because) to complete each sentence:

- I'm hungry, _____ I'm going to make a sandwich.
- She wanted to visit the museum, _____ it was closed on Mondays.
- He is good at math, _____ he struggles with history.
- I like playing soccer, _____ my sister prefers basketball.

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5. It's raining outside, _____ we can't go to the park.

Exercise 3: Create Your Sentences

Use the linking words 'and,' 'but,' 'so,' and 'because' to create your sentences. Make sure your sentences make sense.

Example: I like pizza, and my brother likes hamburgers.

1. I'm tired, _____.
2. She has a cat, _____.
3. We went to the beach, _____.
4. He wants to buy a new car, _____.
5. I'm studying English, _____.

Exercise 4: Linking Words in a Story

Read the short story below and fill in the blanks with the appropriate linking words.

Once upon a time, there was a little girl _____ her name was Lily. Lily lived in a small village, _____ it was surrounded by a dense forest. Every day, she would go into the forest _____ explore its mysteries. One day, _____ she was walking deep into the woods, she heard a strange noise. It sounded like a howl, _____ it made her a bit scared. However, she decided to follow the sound _____ see where it was coming from. _____ she walked further, she saw a wounded wolf. Lily was afraid, _____ she knew she had to help the poor animal. She slowly approached the wolf _____ gave it some food. The wolf was grateful, _____ it became her friend. From that day on, Lily and the wolf explored the forest together.

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