

## Linking ideas

Contrast	<b>Although / Even though</b> environmental problems are overwhelming, there is hope. Some people water their lawns daily <b>in spite of / despite</b> drought warnings.
Reason	Climates are changing <b>because of / as a result of / due to</b> global warming. Carbon dioxide levels are increasing <b>because</b> we are burning oil, coal, and gas.
Purpose	Turn down the air-conditioning <b>(in order) to</b> save electricity. Recycle garbage <b>so (that)</b> it doesn't end up in a landfill.
Alternative	Use public transportation <b>instead of</b> driving your car. Take showers <b>instead of</b> baths.

### Notice:

**in order to / to + verb**

**although / even though / because / so that / so + clause**

**in spite of / despite / because of / as a result of / due to / instead of + noun (or verb + -ing)**

**A** Link the ideas in these sentences using expressions from the grammar chart. How many ways can you complete each sentence? Compare with a partner.

1. Even though / Although there are a lot of environmental problems, the situation isn't hopeless.
2. It's better to use everyday items to clean your home \_\_\_\_\_ buying expensive cleaning products. For example, you can use vinegar to clean your mirrors \_\_\_\_\_ toxic chemicals.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ cut down on the paper you use, get all your bills delivered online.
4. A lot of vegetables from local areas are being sold in stores \_\_\_\_\_ consumer pressure. This is good \_\_\_\_\_ it supports local farmers and cuts down on transportation.
5. A lot of areas are being affected by air pollution \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to improve air quality. Ride a bicycle or walk \_\_\_\_\_ using the car. Or, if you buy a new car, get a hybrid vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ you can save on gas.
6. If you buy bottled water, make sure the bottle is biodegradable \_\_\_\_\_ you can prevent buildup in landfills.
7. There is more solar and wind power now \_\_\_\_\_ advances in technology. However, \_\_\_\_\_ recent advances, they're not being used as widely as they could be by consumers.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ we need to preserve our natural resources, we also need to use oil and gas for energy.