

LINKING WORDS			
FUNCTION	The most common linkers	Spanish translation	EXAMPLES
ADDITION Connect ideas that are similar or complementary	(,) and Also, / Besides, / Moreover, / In addition, / Furthermore, ... too/as well. In addition to + noun phrase/gerund ... as well as + noun phrase/gerund	y También/Además/Del mismo modo/Adicionalmente/ Asimismo También Además de... así como ...	I'm sexy and I know it. I feel tired to go out tonight. Besides , there is a good film on. The author writes novels. In addition , she translates poetry. They adore Indian food. I like Indian food, too/as well . In addition to swimming, he likes dancing. They robbed a bank as well as a post office.
CONTRAST Connect opposed ideas	, but However, /Nevertheless, /On the other hand,	pero Sin embargo/No obstante/Por el contrario/Por otra parte	I have a car, but I don't know how to drive. Buying a house is expensive. However/Nevertheless/On the other hand , it is a good investment.
CONCESSION Connect opposed ideas	Although / Even though + sentence Despite / In spite of + noun phrase/ gerund	Aunque A pesar de...	Although/Even though the car is old, it is still reliable. Despite / In spite of the rain, I went for a walk.
CAUSE/REASON Introduce the cause/reason	because / since / as + sentence because of / due to + noun phrase/ gerund	porque/dado que por/debido a	Since we arrived late, all the best seats had been taken. We were not able to go out due to the storm.
RESULT Introduce a consequence or result of an action/situation	, so Consequently, /As a result, / Therefore, /Thus so + adjective.... that... such (a) + adj + noun that	así que/entonces Por lo tanto/Por consiguiente/En consecuencia/ Por ende/ tan.... que	It was late, so I decided to take a taxi home. His wife left him. As a result , he became very depressed. The jury found him guilty for the murder charges. Thus , he was sent to prison. - The storm was so terrible that the roofs were ripped off. - He was such a handsome man that she fell in love immediately.
PURPOSE Introduce the purpose of an action	to + verb in order (not) to / so as (not) to + verb So that + subject + modal verb + inf	para... para.../con el fin de... para que...	I called him to say sorry. Anita phoned me in order to recommend a film she had just seen. I left early so that I could meet Dan on time.
SEQUENCE Organize ideas sequentially	To start with, First of all, / Firstly, / First, Second, / Secondly, Then, / Later, / After that, Afterwards, / Subsequently Finally, / Eventually, / Lastly, All in all, / In brief, / To sum up, In conclusion, / To conclude,	Para empezar, Primero/En primer lugar Segundo/En segundo lugar Luego/A continuación/Después Posteriormente Finalmente/Por último En resumen/Para resumir En conclusión/Para concluir	First , he left home. Then , he took a taxi. Later , he went out of the taxi and walked three blocks. Finally , he got to his office on time. To start with , we will present a brief introduction to our product. Afterwards , we will describe its main functionalities. To conclude , we will see the testimonials of customers who have used it successfully.
TIME Express time relations	When / While / After / Before / As soon as / Until / By the time	Cuando/Mientras/Después de/Antes (de)/Tan pronto como/Hasta/Para el momento en que..	While I was driving home, I saw a terrible accident. He went out after he had finished work.
EXAMPLE Introduce one or more examples	For example, / For instance, ... such as... + noun phrase/gerund	Por ejemplo ... tales como...	She's into sports. For instance , she plays soccer and basketball. She likes contact sports such as soccer, rugby and basketball.

EXERCISE 1. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A SUITABLE LINKER

1. their parents opposition, Tom and Ann decided to get married.
2. I'll leave the note on the table.....you can see it.
3. I have a great respect for him, I don't particularly like him.
4. Tim isn't suitable for the job. He's too old., he isn't interested.
5. there are no more questions to discuss, we can finish the meeting.
6. Brian is leaving the company his age.
7. The sweater was big I couldn't wear it.
8. Linkers are quite difficult to learn., they are worth studying.
9. I failed the exam precisely I didn't have time to study.
10. Nora eats green vegetables they are good for her health.
11. We still have time to get a snack the next class begins.
12. Tim has to go to the dentist an infected tooth.
13. I'll look after the children you are making dinner.
14. She walked carefully..... the streets were covered in ice.
15., he lost a lot of blood, he is in stable condition.
16. She went to the supermarketbuy an ice- cream.
17. I understand your point of view., I don't agree with it.
18. You know what is in the letter, I won't read it to you.
19. He raised his voice everyone could hear him.
20. The rent for the building was reasonable., the location was perfect.

EXERCISE 2. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE CONJUNCTIONS IN BRACKETS.

1. Since Bill had lived in Spain for six years, he spoke Spanish fluently. (so)
2. I don't know Helen very much. Nevertheless, I like her. (although)
3. The weather was very hot, so we all felt tired. (because)
4. If you don't want to wake up the baby, speak softly. (so as to)
5. We are old, but we enjoy life. (despite)
6. I'm going to do more sport because I want to lose some weight. (in order to)
7. I worked hard although I didn't get the results I expected. (nevertheless)
8. They acted quickly because they wanted to avoid confusion. (so that)
9. Let's take a taxi. I want to arrive in time. (so that)
10. Tom is such a bad player that nobody wants him in their team. (so)