

## Linking Words for Coherence

Type	Linking Words	Example Sentence
cause/reason	because, since, as	I check sources carefully <b>because</b> some information is not correct.
result / consequence	so, therefore, as a result	<b>In addition</b> , students should compare different sources.
addition / also	and, also, <b>in addition, moreover</b>	<b>In addition</b> , students should compare different sources.
contrast / opposite	but, however, although, on the other hand	Some websites are easy to read, <b>but</b> they are not always accurate.
example/clarification	for example, for instance, such as	Students can use books <b>such as</b> dictionaries to check facts.

• Words in this color are informal  
 • Words in this color are formal

**Choose the correct word from the options in parentheses and write it.**

1. I always check my sources carefully \_\_\_\_\_ some information might be wrong. (because / so / but)  
I always check my sources carefully \_\_\_\_\_ some information might be wrong. (since / such as / because)
2. This article is very reliable, \_\_\_\_\_ I will use it in my assignment. (so / because / and)  
This article is very reliable; \_\_\_\_\_, I will use it in my assignment. (therefore / thus / on the other hand)
3. Some websites are free, \_\_\_\_\_ they do not have accurate information. (and / but / so)  
Some websites are free; \_\_\_\_\_, they do not have accurate information. (however / and / yet)
4. Students should compare sources, \_\_\_\_\_ they can find mistakes more easily. (so / but / and)

Students should compare sources; \_\_\_\_\_, they can find mistakes more easily. (*therefore / so / and*)

5. Many students use Wikipedia \_\_\_\_\_ it is not always accurate. (*although / so / and*)  
Many students use Wikipedia, \_\_\_\_\_ it is not always accurate. (*even though / though / whereas*)
6. Books and journals are useful, \_\_\_\_\_ students can check websites too. (*and / but / so*)  
Books and journals are useful; \_\_\_\_\_, students can check websites too. (*in addition / and / so*)
7. I read many articles, \_\_\_\_\_ I still could not find the correct answer. (*but / however / so*)  
I read many articles; \_\_\_\_\_, I still could not find the correct answer. (*however / but / yet*)
8. Students must check the date of the source \_\_\_\_\_ the information may be old. (*because / so / and*)  
Students must check the date of the source \_\_\_\_\_ the information may be outdated. (*yet / as / because*)
9. Dictionaries are very helpful \_\_\_\_\_ they explain difficult words clearly. (*because / but / so*)  
Dictionaries are very helpful \_\_\_\_\_ they explain difficult words clearly. (*as / yet / so*)
10. I like online articles, \_\_\_\_\_ some of them are not reliable. (*but / so / because*)  
I like online articles; \_\_\_\_\_, some of them are not reliable. (*however / nevertheless / yet*)
11. Some sources are difficult to read, \_\_\_\_\_ they contain important information. (*but / and / so*)  
Some sources are difficult to read; \_\_\_\_\_, they contain important information. (*nevertheless / and / yet*)
12. Students should read reliable sources \_\_\_\_\_ they can write a good essay. (*so / but / because*)  
Students should read reliable sources; \_\_\_\_\_, they can write a good essay. (*therefore / so / and*)

13. This journal is written by an expert, \_\_\_\_\_ it is more trustworthy. (so / but / and)  
This journal is written by an expert; \_\_\_\_\_, it is more trustworthy. (so / and / thus)

14. I found many sources, \_\_\_\_\_ some of them are not useful. (but / and / so)  
I found many sources; \_\_\_\_\_, some of them are not useful. (but / however / yet)

15. Peer-reviewed articles are very helpful \_\_\_\_\_ they give accurate information.  
(because / but / so)  
Peer-reviewed articles are very helpful \_\_\_\_\_ they provide accurate information.  
(since / because)

16. Many students ignore websites, \_\_\_\_\_ some websites are very informative. (but / and / so)  
Many students ignore websites; \_\_\_\_\_, some websites are very informative.  
(however / but / yet)