

# ● Connectives

A **connective** is a word or phrase that links clauses within a sentence or links sentences within a text. There are different types of connectives: **subordinate conjunctions** (see page 22) and **connecting adverbs**, such as **however**, **then** and **therefore**.

## Connecting adverbs

Connecting adverbs help to bring a whole text together, and help it to flow smoothly. They do this in several different ways:

- By explaining a point, as in: **for instance**, **for example** and **in other words**. For example, 'I eat a lot of chocolate. **For instance**, I can eat a whole bar of chocolate before breakfast!'
- By adding a point or making a point stronger, as in: **also**, **furthermore**, **in particular**, **besides**, **anyway**, **after all** and **apart from**. For example, 'I eat a lot of chocolate. **After all**, they say that chocolate is good for you!'
- By showing cause and effect, as in: **therefore**, **consequently** and **as a result**. For example, 'I do a lot of exercise. **Consequently**, I am fit and healthy.'
- By showing time, as in: **after**, **as soon as**, **while**, **afterwards**, **meanwhile**, **eventually**, **just then**, **later** and **finally**. For example, 'I ran a marathon at the weekend. **Afterwards**, I was exhausted – but very happy!'
- By ordering a list, as in: **firstly**, **first of all**, **secondly**, **next**, **after** and **finally**. For example: '**First of all**, dig the holes. **Next**, plant the seeds and, **after that**, refill the holes with soil. **Finally**, water the seeds regularly and wait for them to grow into plants.'
- By comparing ideas that are similar, as in: **as with**, **equally**, **like** and **similarly**. For example, 'I love going swimming. **Equally**, I love playing in the park!'
- By showing opposite ideas, as in: **alternatively**, **however**, **instead of**, **nevertheless**, **on the other hand**, **otherwise**, **unlike** and **whereas**. For example, 'I love going swimming. **However**, I don't like cycling.'



### Take note!

Usually, commas are used after connecting adverbs. However, a comma is not needed after **after**, **as soon as**, **while**, **as with**, **like**, **instead of**, **unlike** and **whereas**.

## Over to You!

- 1 Complete the text using the connective adverbs below.

for instance    finally    first of all    furthermore

Looking after a pet is a big responsibility. 1 \_\_\_\_\_, you must make sure that it has food and water every day. 2 \_\_\_\_\_, some animals need a lot of space. 3 \_\_\_\_\_, a horse needs a field and a stable. 4 \_\_\_\_\_, it is a big financial commitment. [2]

- 2 Complete the text with connective adverbs that show cause and effect.

More young people are spending their free time in front of a screen.

1 \_\_\_\_\_, they are playing outdoors less and less. 2 \_\_\_\_\_, they aren't getting exercise and, 3 \_\_\_\_\_, they aren't as healthy. [1]

- 3 Complete the text with connective adverbs that show time.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ we arrived at the campsite, we unloaded the car.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Natalie went to fetch water, mum and I put up the tent.

Natalie and I went to explore the woods nearby 3 \_\_\_\_\_ mum cooked.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ an hour, we realised that we were lost! 5 \_\_\_\_\_, we heard mum calling us. We were so relieved! 6 \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, we played cards and, \_\_\_\_\_, got into our sleeping bags, ready for bed. [3]

- 4 Complete the text with connective adverbs that show opposite ideas.

My parents love going on sightseeing holidays. 1 \_\_\_\_\_, I prefer

beach holidays. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ walking around old buildings, I enjoy playing in the sea. 3 \_\_\_\_\_, I love playing on the beach. 4 \_\_\_\_\_,

I would prefer to go on a sightseeing holiday than not go on holiday at all! [2]

- 5 Add commas to the text.

My pet mouse died last week. Consequently I would like another pet – maybe something different. My best friend has just got a dog. Unfortunately my mum doesn't want a dog in the house. Also you have to take a dog out for walks a lot. What if it's raining?! Anyway a dog is out of the question. Maybe I'll just get another mouse! [2]