

Grundlagen Englisch

Linking Words

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Linking words 1

Compare the following texts:

Version A

Peter was bored. He went home. There he watched a movie. Then he went to bed. He couldn't sleep. He got up and drank a glass of wine. (...)

Version B

Peter was bored, so he went home, where he watched a movie. After the movie he went to bed but he couldn't sleep. He got up and drank a glass of water. (...)

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Compare the following texts:

Version A

Peter was bored. He went home. There he watched a movie. After that he went to bed. He couldn't sleep. He got up and drank a glass of wine. (...)

Version B

Peter was bored, **so** he went home, **where** (rel. pron.) he watched a movie. **After** the movie he went to bed **but** he couldn't sleep. **Because of this**, he got up and drank a glass of water. (...)

Linking words 1

We use **linking words** to link two or more parts of sentences or whole sentences together. We can also establish links between two paragraphs.

Linking enhances:

- fluency
- complexity
- logic
- structure
- formality

Linking words 1

Grammar Book, Unit 52, p112-113

- A **Addition:** both... and...; and also...; as well as...
- B **Contrast:** but; although; (even) though
- C **Contrast:** despite; in spite of
- D **Reason and result:** because; so

Linking words 2

Grammar Book, Unit 53, p114-115

- A **Words meaning:** and; but; so
- B **Illustration:** for example; for instance; such as
- C **Giving facts:** in fact; actually; as a matter of fact
- D **Enlisting:** firstly...finally
- E **Summarizing:** to summarise; basically

Linking words 3

Grammar Book, Unit 54, p116-117

A Purpose: to; for; so that

B Illustration & Comparison: like; as; as if

More Linking words

Try to make your own sentences from the following linking words:

however, because of this/that, in addition,

furthermore, in conclusion, to begin with

Example:

All of the computers broke down. **Therefore**, we had to call our maintenance company.

More Linking words (examples)

- The weather was bad. **However**, we'll return in June.
- The figures look promising. **Because of this**, we are willing to invest more.
- Production is on schedule. **In addition**, foreign currencies seem to work in our favour.
- We would like to make a proposition. **Furthermore**, we would love to introduce you to our new product.
- **In conclusion**, China might become the market leader very soon.
- **To begin with**, we should look at our niche products.