

IELTS BASIC

Topic Connectors

ইংরেজি ভাষার ওপর দক্ষতা অর্জনে বাক্য সংযোজক বা Sentence Connector-এর ভূমিকা খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। কেননা, Connector-সমূহের ব্যবহার ভাবনার প্রসারতা নির্দেশ করে এবং বাক্য গঠনে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখে। আমরা যখন ছোট ছিলাম তখন সাধারণ বাক্য ব্যবহার করে ভাব প্রকাশ করতাম। যেমন—

Dhaka is a very exciting city. Dhaka is very expensive.

উক্ত মাধ্যমিক স্তরে এসে আমরা যদি উপরের বাক্যটি পুনরায় লিখি তাহলে কেমন হবে? লক্ষ করা যাক—

Dhaka is a very exciting city; nevertheless it is also very expensive.

অথবা,

Despite the fact that Dhaka is very expensive, it is also very exciting.

লক্ষ করলে দেখবে, পুনরায় লিখিত বাক্যগুলো জটিল হলেও অধিক গ্রহণযোগ্য। আর, এ গ্রহণযোগ্যতা বৃদ্ধি করতে nevertheless ও also-এর ব্যবহার লক্ষণীয়। এ ধরনের word-কেই বলা হয় Connector word বা সংযোগকারী শব্দ।

Addition related IELTS Linkers

1. Moreover

The book is well-written; moreover, it's very informative.

2. Furthermore

He is a skilled teacher. Furthermore, he has excellent communication skills.

3. In addition

She's learning French. In addition, she's taking a course in Spanish.

4. **Also**

I love reading novels. Also, I enjoy watching movies.

5. **As well as**

He's responsible for managing the team as well as handling customer queries.

6. **Besides**

It's too late to go out. Besides, it's raining.

7. **What's more**

She's very kind. What's more, she's always willing to help.

8. **Not only... but also**

He not only speaks English but also French and German.

9. **Additionally**

The university offers scholarships. Additionally, they provide free accommodation.

10. **And**

I bought some apples, oranges, and bananas.

11. **Too**

She likes chocolate, and she likes ice cream too.

12. **Along with**

Along with studying, he works part-time at a café.

13. **Coupled with**

Her intelligence, coupled with her hard work, makes her an outstanding student.

14. **Plus**

The job pays well, plus it offers great benefits.

15. **Apart from**

Apart from his academic achievements, he's also a talented musician.

16. **On top of that**

The house is spacious. On top of that, it has a beautiful garden.

17. **Equally important**

Time management is crucial. Equally important is setting clear goals.

18. **Together with**

Together with their friends, they planned a surprise party.

19. **Besides that**

She's studying for her exams. Besides that, she's working on a new project.

20. **In addition to that**

He finished his homework early. In addition to that, he helped his sister with her assignments.

Contrast Related IELTS Linkers

1. However

The test was difficult; however, I managed to pass.

2. On the other hand

She likes modern art. On the other hand, I prefer classical paintings.

3. Although

Although he was tired, he kept working.

4. **Even though**

Even though the weather was bad, we decided to go hiking.

5. **In contrast**

The south is known for its beaches. In contrast, the north has mountains.

6. **Whereas**

Some people enjoy fast food, whereas others prefer home-cooked meals.

7. **But**

She wanted to travel, but she didn't have enough money.

8. **Nevertheless**

He failed the first time; nevertheless, he didn't give up.

9. **Despite**

Despite the noise, I was able to sleep.

10. **On the contrary**

I'm not angry. On the contrary, I'm quite happy with the outcome.

11. **Yet**

She was very tired, yet she finished the project on time.

12. **Still**

It was raining heavily, but he still went for a run.

13. **Nonetheless**

The project faced many challenges; nonetheless, it was completed successfully.

14. **In spite of**

In spite of his efforts, he didn't win the competition.

15. **Conversely**

She loves parties. Conversely, her brother prefers solitude.

16. **Whereas**

The city is noisy, whereas the countryside is peaceful.

17. **Though**

She felt tired, though she didn't show it.

18. **Even so**

The prices were high; even so, people continued to buy the product.

19. **Yet**

The movie was long, yet it kept everyone engaged.

20. **While**

While the food was delicious, the service was slow.

Cause-and-effect-related linkers

1. **Because**

She stayed home because she was feeling unwell.

2. **Since**

Since it was raining, we canceled the picnic.

3. **As**

As he was late, he missed the bus.

4. **Therefore**

The experiment failed; therefore, we had to start over.

5. **Thus**

He didn't study enough, thus he didn't pass the exam.

6. **Hence**

She's always on time, hence her reputation for being reliable.

7. **So**

It was getting dark, so we decided to head home.

8. **Consequently**

She didn't follow the rules; consequently, she was disqualified.

9. **As a result**

He trained hard. As a result, he won the race.

10. **Because of**

The flight was delayed because of bad weather.

11. **Due to**

The event was canceled due to low attendance.

12. **Owing to**

Owing to the heavy traffic, they arrived late.

13. **For this reason**

The project is behind schedule. For this reason, the deadline has been extended.

14. **In consequence**

She didn't submit her assignment on time; in consequence, she lost marks.

15. **That's why**

He forgot his umbrella, that's why he got wet.

16. **As a consequence**

The company lost a major client, as a consequence, they had to downsize.

17. **Resulting in**

The storm damaged the power lines, resulting in a blackout.

18. **Thus leading to**

He worked overtime, thus leading to his promotion.

19. **So that**

I saved money so that I could buy a new laptop.

20. **For this purpose**

They launched a new campaign for this purpose: to increase brand awareness.

Purpose-related linkers

1. **In order to**

He studied hard in order to pass the exam.

2. **So that**

She left early so that she could catch the train.

3. **For the purpose of**

The lab was set up for the purpose of conducting experiments.

4. **With the aim of**

He attended the seminar with the aim of improving his skills.

5. **With the intention of**

They moved to the city with the intention of finding better job opportunities.

6. **So as to**

She lowered her voice so as to not disturb others.

7. **In order that**

We booked the tickets in advance in order that we wouldn't miss the concert.

8. **To**

I enrolled in the course to enhance my knowledge.

9. **For**

He bought a gift for his mother's birthday.

10. **For the sake of**

They compromised for the sake of maintaining peace.

11. **With a view to**

He's saving money with a view to buying a new car.

12. **To the end that**

They invested in new technology to the end that productivity would improve.

Sequence-related linkers

1. **First**

First, we will outline the main objectives of the project.

2. **First of all**

First of all, let's address the budget issues.

3. **Firstly**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

4. **Second**

Second, we need to gather more data.

5. **Secondly**

Secondly, we will discuss the proposed timeline.

6. **Next**

Next, we will review the findings from the research.

7. **Then**

We will analyze the results, and then we can draw conclusions.

8. **After that**

We finished the presentation, and after that, we had a Q&A session.

9. **Subsequently**

The team completed the initial report. Subsequently, they began working on the recommendations.

10. **Later**

We had a meeting to discuss the project, and later, we submitted our proposals.

11. **Finally**

Finally, we need to implement the new changes.

12. **Lastly**

Lastly, we will evaluate the project's success.

13. **At first**

At first, I found the topic challenging, but I gradually understood it.

14. **In the beginning**

In the beginning, our focus was on research and development.

15. **Eventually**

The project faced many hurdles, but eventually, it was completed.

16. **Before**

We should finalize the report before the deadline.

17. Afterward

We had a discussion about the outcomes, and afterward, we made some adjustments.

18. Meanwhile

The team was conducting interviews. Meanwhile, I was analyzing the survey results.

19. In the meantime

The software is being updated. In the meantime, please use the backup system.

আমরা কতিপয় prepositional phrase-কে বিভিন্ন position-এ connector হিসেবে ব্যবহার করে থাকি। যেমন—

Front Position → The doctor will see you soon. In the meantime, could you please complete these forms?

Mid position → We have your application, but it's incomplete. You didn't, for example, include a photograph.

End position → One man lied about having a degree in English. He had never been to university, in fact.

1. **Similarity**– সাদৃশ্য

<i>likewise</i>	<i>similarly</i>	<i>correspondingly</i>	<i>by the same token</i>	<i>in the same way</i>
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- Men must wear a jacket and a tie; **similarly**, women must wear a skirt or a dress, not trousers.
- She was late and I **similarly** was delayed.
- You can't teach navigation in the middle of a storm. **Likewise**, you can't build a system of values in the current educational climate.

2. **Contrast**– বৈপরীত্য/ বৈসাদৃশ্য দেখানোর জন্য তুলনা করা

<i>on the other hand</i>	<i>in contrast</i>	<i>conversely</i>	<i>however</i>	<i>yet</i>	<i>still</i>
<i>nonetheless</i>	<i>nevertheless</i>	<i>even so</i>	<i>in spite of this</i>	<i>despite that/this</i>	

a. **Direct Opposition**– সরাসরি বিপরীত

- Rupom worked hard. **On the other hand/In contrast/However**, Redwan hardly did any work at all.
- Joy is lazy. **However**, his brother is quite diligent (=hard working).
- George is an optimist. **In contrast/However**, Bill is a pessimist.
- Extroverts love crowds. **In contrast**, introverts prefer solitude.

3. Result– ফলাফল

<i>as a consequence</i>	<i>accordingly</i>	<i>for this/that reason</i>	<i>therefore</i>	<i>as a result</i>
<i>consequently</i>	<i>hence</i>	<i>thus</i>	<i>because of that/this</i>	

- He passed his exams. **Therefore/Thus/Hence/Accordingly/Consequently**, he had some good news to tell his parents.
- Professor Brown is an outstanding scientist. **Hence**, he is highly respected.
- He has been studying hard for a long time. **Thus**, he has made considerable progress.
- He lacks self-confidence. **As a consequence**, he is unlikely to be successful.

4. Addition and Listing– সংযোজন এবং তালিকাবদ্ধকরণ

<i>also</i>	<i>besides</i>	<i>further</i>	<i>moreover</i>	<i>furthermore</i>	<i>in addition</i>
<i>first</i>	<i>(firstly, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, for one thing)</i>				
<i>secondly</i>	<i>(second, in the second place, for another thing)</i>				
<i>thirdly</i>	<i>(third, in the third place)</i>				
<i>finally</i>	<i>lastly</i>		<i>last of all</i>		

- Solim plays football. **Moreover/ Besides/ Also**, he runs a restaurant.
- Reshma writes short stories, **in addition**, she writes articles for a newspaper.
- To prepare his homework, Jack went through various history books. **Furthermore**, he took notes from several encyclopedias.
- During her spare time, Ayla practices the piano; **in addition**, she plays the violin.
- I prefer to buy fruits and vegetables in the open market because they are quite cheap there. **Besides**, they are much fresher than fruits and vegetables sold at the greengrocers'.

5. **Time— সময়**

<i>at first</i>	<i>afterwards</i>	<i>later</i>	<i>then (অতঃপর)</i>	<i>in the meantime</i>	<i>meanwhile</i>
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- I read the morning papers for a while. **Afterwards**, I took a shower.
- **First** pick up the receiver and **then** insert a coin into the coin-box.
- **At first**, I had great difficulty with grammar. Later, *however*, I was able to overcome these difficulties by studying hard.
- The party is Tuesday, but **in the meantime** I have to shop and prepare the food.
- They'll be here soon. **Meanwhile**, let's have coffee.

6. **Exemplification— দৃষ্টান্তের সাহায্যে ব্যাখ্যা**

<i>for instance</i>	<i>for example</i>	<i>to illustrate</i>
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- Women generally live longer than men. **For instance**, in the United States life expectancy for women is 75, while it is 73 for men.
- Earthquakes can be highly destructive. **To illustrate**, the earthquake which occurred in Erzincan in 1939 devastated the whole town, killing more than 35,000 people.

7. **Particularization— সুনির্দিষ্টকরণ, বিশেষীকরণ**

<i>in particular</i>	<i>particularly</i>	<i>specifically</i>
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- Shopping in small markets is quite advantageous. **In particular**, one can find specialty items that larger stores do not contain.
- We still needed to arrange several details for the trip. **Specifically**, we had to make plane and train reservations as well as decide on the final itinerary.