

LINKING WORDS AND PHRASES

To express personal opinion

- **In my opinion**, life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **In my view**, life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **To my mind**, life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **To my way of thinking**, life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **Personally I believe that** life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **It strikes me that** life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **I feel very strongly that** life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **I am inclined to believe that** life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **It seems to me that** life in the country is much healthier than in the city.
- **As far as I am concerned**, life in the country is much healthier than in the city.

To list advantages and disadvantages

- **One disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.
- **Another disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.
- **One other disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.
- **A further disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.
- **The main disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.
- **The greatest disadvantage of** being famous is the lack of privacy.

To list points

- **Firstly**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **First of all**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **In the first place**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **Secondly**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **Thirdly**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **Finally**, many children do not receive proper schooling.
- **To start with**, many children do not receive proper schooling.

To add more points on a topic

- **What is more**, parents should discipline their children.
- **Furthermore**, parents should discipline their children.
- **Apart from this**, parents should discipline their children.
- **In addition**, parents should discipline their children.
- **Moreover**, parents should discipline their children.
- **Besides**, parents should discipline their children.
- Parents should discipline their children, **too**.
- **Not to mention the fact that** parents should discipline their children.
- Parents should **also** discipline their children.

To refer to other sources

- **With reference to** the recent newspaper article, air travel is becoming more dangerous.
- **According to** the recent newspaper article, air travel is becoming more dangerous.

To express cause

- **Because of the fact that** the employees work extremely hard, I believe that they deserve a pay rise.
- **Owing to the fact that** the employees work extremely hard, I believe that they deserve a pay rise.
- **Due to the fact that** the employees work extremely hard, I believe that they deserve a pay rise.
- The employees work extremely hard. **For this reason**, I believe that they deserve a pay rise.

To express effect

- Hotel restaurants are expensive; **therefore**, people generally avoid them.
- Hotel restaurants are expensive; **thus**, people generally avoid them.
- Hotel restaurants are expensive. **As a result**, people generally avoid them.
- Hotel restaurants are expensive. **Consequently**, people generally avoid them.
- Hotel restaurants are expensive, **so**, people generally avoid them.
- Hotel restaurants are expensive. **As a consequence**, people generally avoid them.

To emphasise what you say

- **Clearly**, an increase in tourists would mean more money for the community.
- **Obviously**, an increase in tourists would mean more money for the community.
- **Of course**, an increase in tourists would mean more money for the community.
- **Needless to say**, an increase in tourists would mean more money for the community.
- **In particular**, an increase in tourists would mean more money for the community.

To express reality

- **In fact**, many people do not take any daily exercise whatsoever.
- **As a matter of fact**, many people do not take any daily exercise whatsoever.
- **The fact of the matter is that** many people do not take any daily exercise whatsoever.
- **Actually**, many people do not take any daily exercise whatsoever.
- **In practice**, many people do not take any daily exercise whatsoever.

To express difference between appearance and reality

- **At first sight**, fast food looks good but it is actually extremely unhealthy.
- **Apparently**, fast food looks good but it is actually extremely unhealthy.
- **On the face of it**, fast food looks good but it is actually extremely unhealthy.

To bring up other points or aspects

- **As far as** the government **is concerned**, they passed a law dealing with this issue last month.
- **Regarding** the government, they passed a law dealing with this issue last month.
- **As for** the government, they passed a law dealing with this issue last month.
- **With regard to** the government, they passed a law dealing with this issue last month.

To give examples

- **For instance**, 50% of families go abroad for their holidays every year.
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To refer to what actually happens

- **In practice**, students spend more time watching television than doing their homework.
- **In effect**, students spend more time watching television than doing their homework.

To make general statements

- **As a rule**, the idea has been a great success.
- **Generally**, the idea has been a great success.
- **In general**, the idea has been a great success.

To make partly correct statements

- **Up to a point**, this behaviour is an indicator of people's attitudes towards such plans.
- **To a certain extent**, this behaviour is an indicator of people's attitudes towards such plans.
- **To some extent**, this behaviour is an indicator of people's attitudes towards such plans.
- **In a sense**, this behaviour is an indicator of people's attitudes towards such plans.
- **In a way**, this behaviour is an indicator of people's attitudes towards such plans.

To express limit of knowledge

- **To the best of my knowledge**, this kind of corruption could have been going on for years.
- **As far as I know**, this kind of corruption could have been going on for years.
- **For all I know**, this kind of corruption could have been going on for years.

To state other people's opinion

- **It is popularly believed that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **People often claim that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **Contrary to popular belief**, the influence of television has not led to an increase in crime.
- **It is a fact that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **It is often alleged that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **People argue that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **Many people argue that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **A lot of people think that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.
- **A lot of people believe that** the influence of television has led to an increase in crime.

To express balance (the other side of the argument)

- **... while** longer working hours will mean that people will have less leisure time.
- **On the one hand**, longer working hours will mean that people will have less leisure time, but it can be compensated by higher wages.
- **... whereas** longer working hours will mean that people will have less leisure time.
- **On the other hand**, longer working hours will mean that people will have less leisure time.

To make contrasting points

- Cars cause pollution, **yet** people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- Cars cause pollution; **however**, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- Cars cause pollution; **nevertheless**, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **Although** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **In spite of the fact that** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- Cars cause pollution, **but** people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **While** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **Despite the fact that** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **Even if** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- **Even though** cars cause pollution, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.
- Cars cause pollution; **at the same time**, people keep on using them to travel to work every day.

To conclude

- **Finally**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **Lastly**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **Above all**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- All **in all**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **Taking everything into account**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **On the whole**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **All things considered**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **In conclusion**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **As I have said**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **As it was previously stated**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **On the whole**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.
- **To sum up**, the campsite would be an ideal location for a family holiday.

To rephrase

- **In other words**, the decision to ban smoking is perfectly justified.
- **That is to say**, the decision to ban smoking is perfectly justified.

To imply that nothing else needs to be said

- At **any** rate, an increase in the tax rate would mean better government services.
- **In any case**, an increase in the tax rate would mean better government services.
- **Anyway**, an increase in the tax rate would mean better government services.

Accepting the situation

- **Under the circumstances**, things will not change until some action is taken.
- **Things being as they are**, things will not change until some action is taken.
- **As it is**, things will not change until some action is taken.