

LINKING DEVICES:	
To make contrasting points	however, nevertheless, in spite of, but, while, despite, even if, even though, at the same time, although, yet,
To list points	firstly, in the first place, first of all, to start with, secondly, thirdly, finally
To add more points to a topic	what is more, furthermore, also, apart from this/that, in addition to, moreover, besides, too, not to mention the fact that
To list advantages/disadvantages	one/another/one other /the first/the greatest advantage/disadvantage of...
To express personal opinion	in my opinion/view, to my mind/way of thinking, personally I believe, it strikes me that, I feel very strongly that, I am inclined to, believe that, it seems to me that, as far as I am concerned
To refer to other Sources	according to, with reference to
To conclude	finally, lastly, above all, taking everything into account, on the whole, all things considered, in conclusion, as I have said, as was previously stated, to sum up
To express cause	because of, owing to, due to, for this reason
To express effect	therefore, thus, as a result, consequently, so, as a consequence
To emphasise what you say	clearly, obviously, of course, needless to say, in particular
To express reality	in fact, actually, as a matter of fact, in practice, the fact of the matter is that
To express difference between appearance and reality	on the face of it, at first sight, apparently
To state an argument against your opinion	it is popularly believed that, people often claim that, contrary to popular belief, it is a fact that, it is often alleged that, people argue that
To state other people's opinions	many people are in favour of/against, some people argue that, a lot of people think/believe
To express balance	while, on the one hand, on the other hand, whereas
To introduce the other side of the argument	opponents of this view say, however there are people/those who oppose... claim that
To refer to what actually happens	for example, for instance
To make general statements	as a rule, generally, in general, as a general rule, on the whole
To make partly correct statements	up to a point, to a certain extent, to some extent, in a way, in a sense
To express limit of knowledge	to the best of my knowledge, for all I know, as far as I know
To rephrase	that is to say, in other words
To bring up other points or aspects	as far as ... is concerned, regarding, with regard to, as for
To imply that nothing else needs to be said	anyway, at any rate, in any case
Accepting the situation	as it is, under the circumstances, things being as they are