



Using common linking words and phrases

Introduction

There are a number of very useful 'connecting' words and phrases that should be used whilst undertaking academic writing. These will help you to make your work 'flow' and show how ideas fit together.

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To show agreement between sources	Likewise Similarly Additionally
To show disagreement between sources	However Whereas In contrast As opposed to
To introduce a specific example	Specifically For instance For example
To elaborate on a point	Furthermore Moreover Further
To introduce a list	Firstly / secondly / thirdly / etc
To draw a reasoned conclusion from evidence	Therefore Consequently This suggests This implies Based on this
To introduce a conclusion section	In summary In conclusion Overall