



Advanced linking methods

Introduction

These exercises should help develop your ability to notice and include linking in your text without overusing the common linking words. These exercises are best completed after reading the Study Hub Guide on advanced linking methods, as these tasks require the terms used in the guide. Suggested answers are provided on pages 4 through 6.

Task one

Below is a text extract with some examples of linking. Can you identify them all? The first one has been done for you

Recently, there has been an increase in the cost of student tuition fees.

While many thought this might cause a reduction in the number of applicants, the reverse seems to have happened. Universities are seeing record numbers of prospective students, willing to pay a higher price. Some consider this to be reflective of the jobs market more than education; with others arguing that the students have no choice but to pay. Ultimately, it is unclear which of these is closer to the truth, and that is unlikely to change for some time.

Task two

In this task, you will be given two sentences with a method of linking removed. Try to add the correct word to link them, and identify what type of linking method you used, and why. An example is done for you.

- 0) The construction industry is one of the most heavily regulated areas of business. These rules exist for good reason, as failure to comply ...

I used a synonym, because "these" is a pronoun, so other pronouns don't fit in, and repetition of common words in an assignment can become boring

- 1) Through evaluating and improving language-learning materials (especially those which are self-access), we provide a more inclusive and valuable learning experience for our students. The development of high quality, _____ could be the single most useful tool in language provision.

- 2) There has been a flurry of publications and articles that speak of the importance of data and information in the 21'st century. _____ have been described as the oil of the 21'st century ...

3) This New Labour shift in crime control focused on anti-social behaviour which started to control and criminalise behaviours that were not illegal previously. _____ legislation had a focus on low level crime committed by ...

4) It seems as though a lack of external direction is the main issue in categorising the materials as “worth paying for”. _____ issue could be resolved by adding a _____, although this would remove the materials from the “self-access” section of second language materials.

5) Chappell *et al* (2008) highlight the important role question-posing and question-responding play in learning. Bradford (2009) suggests that _____ when reading stories supports children’s learning and enhances their understanding of the text.

Suggested answers

Task one

The answers shown with orange circles are linking using pronouns to replace or refer back to something that has already been named. It is very rare to see this type of linking where the pronoun comes before the naming phrase.

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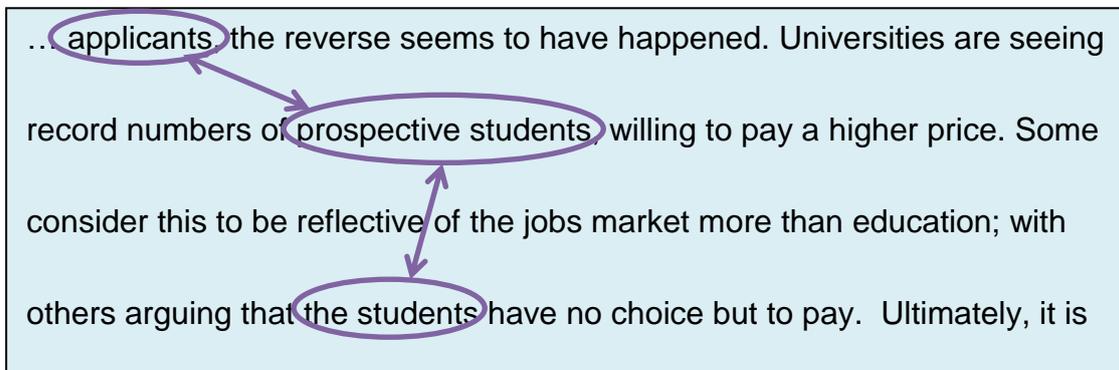
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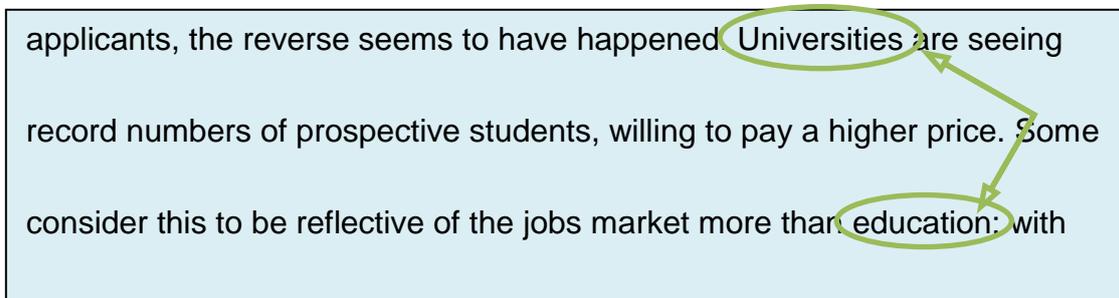
The purple arrows show repetition or the use of synonyms. Both “applicants” and “prospective students” share a meaning, and the term “students” is repeated without the addition of the word “prospective”, as this is suggested through use of the word “the” – which tells the reader that the writer is referring to a specific group.

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Green arrows mark the use of related words, or part-whole relationships. In the case below, “education” is the larger term, which includes “universities” (education could also include state or private schools, or colleges).

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Task two

- 1) Through evaluating and improving language-learning materials (especially those which are self-access), we provide a more inclusive and valuable learning experience for our students. The development of high quality, **self-access materials** could be the single most useful tool in language provision (repetition)

- 2) There has been a flurry of publications and articles that speak of the importance of data and information in the 21st century. **Data and information** have been described as the oil of the 21st century ... (repetition)

- 3) This New Labour shift in crime control focused on anti-social behaviour which started to control and criminalise behaviours that were not illegal previously. **This** legislation had a focus on low level crime committed by ... (pronoun)

- 4) It seems as though a lack of external direction is the main issue in categorising the materials as “worth paying for”. **This** issue could be resolved by adding a **teacher**, although this would remove the materials from the “self-access” section of second language materials.
(“this” = pronoun) (“teacher = related word/part-whole word)

- 5) Chappell *et al* (2008) highlight the important role question-posing and question-responding play in learning. Bradford (2009) suggests that **asking questions** when reading stories supports children’s learning and enhances their understanding of the text.
(“question-posing/asking questions” = synonyms)

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