

Linking words that...

... give extra information:

☛ moreover: to intro a piece of info that adds to or supports the previous statement (usually, your own previous statement):

*She saw that there was indeed a man immediately behind her. **Moreover**, he was observing her strangely.*

☛ furthermore: to intro a piece of info or opinion that adds to or supports the previous one.

***Furthermore**, they claim that any such interference is completely ineffective.*

☛ what is more: to intro an extra piece of info which supports or emphasizes the point that you are making.

You should remember it and, what is more, you should get it right.

☛ in fact: to indicate that you are giving more detailed info about what you have just said.

*We've had a pretty bad time while you were away. **In fact**, we very nearly split up this time.*

☛ actually: to introduce a new topic into a conversation. (Spoken mainly —i.e. discourse marker)

***Actually**, let's just read this little bit where you've made them bump into each other.*

(Note: You also use actually to

1) correct or contradict someone: 'So, it's not a family show, then?' - Well, **actually**, I think that's exactly what it is.

2) to express an opinion that other people might not have expected from

you in a polite way: *I would be surprised, **actually**, if he left Chicago for New York.*

3) to indicate that a situation exists or happened, or to emphasize that it is true or correct, especially when its existence or truth is surprising: *The appearance of my body is **actually** awful.)*

☛ in addition: to mention another item connected with the subject you are discussing.

*Hong Kong has some of the largest buses in the world. **In addition**, the city has underground trains and a rapid surface railway.*

<p>... express a result:</p>

☛ therefore / thus: to intro a logical result or conclusion.

*Nothing was to prevent him from becoming the richest, and **therefore** the happiest, man in the world.*

☛ consequently, which means 'as a result'. (formal)

*Grandfather had sustained a broken back while working in the mines. **Consequently**, he spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair.*

☛ accordingly: to intro a fact or situation which is a result or consequence of something you have just referred to.

*We have a different background, a different history. **Accordingly**, we have the right to different futures.*

☛ as a result:

*Compensation is available for people who have developed asthma **as a** direct **result** of their work.*

☛ besides: to emphasize an additional point that you are making, especially one that you consider to be important.

*The house was out of our price range and too big anyway. **Besides**, I'd grown fond of our little rented house.*

... give an example:

☛ for example: to intro and emphasize something that illustrates a point that you are making, or that supports an argument, theory or opinion.

*A few simple precautions can be taken, **for example** ensuring that desks are the right height.*

☛ for instance: to intro a particular event, situation, or person that is an example of what you are talking about.

*Let your child make some of the small decisions concerning his daily routine. **For instance**, allow him to choose what clothes he wears at the weekends.*

... explain:

☛ in other words: to introduce a different, and often simpler, explanation or interpretation of something that has just been said.

*The mobile library services have been reorganised —**in other words**, they visit fewer places.*

☛ after all: to intro a statement which supports or helps explain to something you have just said.

*I thought you might know somebody. **After all**, you are the man with connections.*

... change the subject:

☛ by the way: when you add something to what you are saying, especially something you have just thought of.

*(...) **By the way**, how did your seminar go?*

... express a contrast:

☛ in / by contrast: to show that you are mentioning a very different situation from the one you have just mentioned.

***In contrast**, the lives of girls in well-to-do families were often very sheltered.*

... contradict:

☛ on the contrary:

1. when you have just said or implied that something is not true and are going to say that the opposite is true.

*It is not an idea around which the Community can unite. **On the contrary**, I see it as one that will divide us.*

2. when you are disagreeing emphatically with something that has just been said or implied, or are making a strong negative reply.

'People just don't do things like that.' - 'On the contrary, they do them all the time.'

☛ quite the contrary = on the contrary (2).

*I am not a feminist, **quite the contrary**...*

*'Are there any signs that he may quit soon?' - '**Quite the contrary**.'*

When do we use...

☛ at any rate?

1. to indicate that what you have just said might be incorrect or unclear in some way, and that you are now being more precise.

*He is the least appealing character, to me **at any rate**.*

2. to indicate that the important thing is what you are saying now, and not what was said before.

*Well, **at any rate**, let me thank you for all you did.*

☛ all the same / just the same?: to intro a statement which indicates that a situation or your opinion has not changed, in spite of what has happened or what has just been said.

*Matthew is weak and dependent, but you love him **all the same**.*

*He was unable to pay attention to the papers on his desk. **Just the same**, he pulled over the stack of papers and started to examine them.*

☛ likewise?: to compare two methods, states, or situations and say that they are similar.

*All attempts by the Socialists to woo him back were spurned. Similar overtures from the right have **likewise** been rejected...*

☛ similarly?:

1. to say that something is similar to something else.

*Most of them who now gathered round him again were **similarly** dressed.*

2. to say that there is a correspondence or similarity between the way two things happen or are done.

*A mother somehow memorises the feel of her child's skin from the very first touches and can recognize it even when blind-folded. **Similarly** a baby's cry is instantly identified by the mother.*