

Functional Skills English | Writing | Cohesion

When writing, we often use organisational markers to make our writing more cohesive, so it all fits together well.

To do this we can use linking words. We use these linkers for four main purposes:

- To sequence events, often to do with time.
- To add information.
- To contrast with previous information.
- To show a cause and effect.

Task 1

Look at the following words and add them to the table under the correct heading for how they are used.

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| • First | • So | • Finally |
| • Therefore | • Meanwhile | • Too |
| • Also | • Moreover | • Nevertheless |
| • On the other hand | • Later | • Consequently |
| • Then | • After that | • Soon |
| • However | • Hence | • Furthermore |

Sequence	Addition	Contrast	Cause/Effect

Can you add any further words to this list?

Task 2

Find a text in a newspaper. Highlight the use of linking words within that text. What does the uses of these words do for the text?

Task 3

Find a piece of text you have recently written. Highlight the use of linking words within that text.

- Could you use any more linking words?
- Could you use better linking words?

Rewrite your text.

