

Connectors

Connectors show relationships between ideas. They can join two or more sentences or clauses (a clause is made of a subject and a verb).

They also add ideas together, contrast them, or show the reason for something.

Here are some examples.

- ★ Introducing, contrasting or opposing ideas
- ★ Showing reason or cause and purpose
- ★ Giving examples and adding information
- ★ Showing sequence and result

INTRODUCING, CONTRASTING OR OPPOSING IDEAS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ But ★ Yet <p><i>(pero, sin embargo)</i></p> | The film is short ... interesting. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ In spite of ★ Despite <p><i>(a pesar de)</i></p> | <p>... the rain, the children went to the picnic. The children to the picnic ... the rain. It was raining, but they went to the picnic ... it / that.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Although ★ Though ★ Even though ★ In spite of the fact that <p><i>(a pesar de...)</i></p> | ... it was rainy, they went to the picnic. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ However ★ Nevertheless ★ Even so <p><i>(sin embargo)</i></p> | She was late. ..., he waited for her. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ On the one hand... on the other hand <p><i>(por una parte, por otra)</i></p> | ... Rubén supports 'Barça' ... he never watches football matches. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ On the contrary <p><i>(por el contrario)</i></p> | - 'I thought you liked avocado!' - '... I hate it!' |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ While ★ Whereas <p><i>(mientras que)</i></p> | English language is easy, ... French is very difficult. |

SHOWING REASON OR CAUSE AND PURPOSE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Because★ As★ Since★ Seeing that★ Due to the fact that (<i>ya que, dado que, porque</i>) | <p>... it's raining, we should go home. We should go home, ... it's raining.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Because of★ On account of★ Owing to★ Due to (<i>por, o 'debido a'.</i> <i>Pero no 'porque'</i>) | <p>... the rain, we didn't go to the picnic.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ In order (not) to★ So as (not) to★ To (<i>para</i>) | <p>They travelled in groups ... to save money.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ In order that★ So that (that puede ser omitido) (<i>para</i>) | <p>They travelled in groups ... they could save money.</p> |

GIVING EXAMPLES AND ADDING INFORMATION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ For example★ For instance (<i>por ejemplo</i>) | <p>Vegetables are good for you, ... they have a lot of vitamin C.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Such as (<i>tal/tales como</i>) | <p>Singers, such as Bruce Dickinson are very popular.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Moreover★ Furthermore★ In addition (<i>además</i>) | <p>It's too late for you to go out, ... you have to mind your brother.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Besides (<i>aparte de eso, aparte de</i>) | <p>You are not invited to the party, ... you're too old to dance. Who else is coming ... your boyfriend?</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ In addition to | <p>... to heavy metal, I like rap.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ As well as ★ Apart from <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(además de)</i></p> | ... Chris Cornell, she likes Madonna. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Except (for) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(except)</i></p> | She eats nothing ... pizza and burgers. |

SHOWING SEQUENCE AND RESULT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ First of all ★ To begin with ★ First ★ Firstly <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(antes que nada, para empezar, en primer lugar)</i></p> | ..., we should have a little chat. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Second ★ Secondly ★ Then <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(en Segundo lugar, después, luego)</i></p> | ..., we should ask for advise. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The next stage <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(el siguiente paso)</i></p> | ... is to check the price. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Finally ★ In short ★ To sum up ★ In conclusion ★ Lastly ★ Last but not least <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(finalmente, en resumen, en conclusión, por último pero no menos importante)</i></p> | ... we need to present the project. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Therefore ★ As a result ★ Consequently <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(a consecuencia de)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ For this reason <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(por esta razón)</i></p> | They are friends, ... they know each other well. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ As a result of <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(a consecuencia de)</i></p> | ... his school marks, they brought him on a trip. |