

Appendix: Linking Words / Phrases

Personal opinion:	<i>In my opinion/view, To my mind, To my way of thinking, I am convinced that, It strikes me that, It is my firm belief that, I am inclined to believe that, It seems to me that, As far as I am concerned, I think that the economic recession of the previous decade was foreseeable.</i>
To list advantages and disadvantages:	<i>One advantage of, Another advantage of, One other advantage of, A further advantage of, The main advantage of, The greatest advantage of, The first advantage of riding a motorbike in a large metropolis is that of not getting caught in major congestion.</i> <i>One disadvantage of, Another disadvantage of, One other disadvantage of, A further disadvantage of, The main disadvantage of, The greatest disadvantage of, The first disadvantage of driving a car in a large metropolis is that of finding a parking space.</i>
To list points:	<i>Firstly, First of all, In the first place, Secondly, Thirdly, Finally, To start/begin with, we have to address the inadequacies within the education system before we can tackle unemployment fully.</i>
To list points in a specific sequence:	BEGINNING - <i>First, To start/begin with, First of all, the Home Secretary will make an introductory speech.</i> CONTINUING - <i>Secondly, After this/that, Afterwards, Then, Next, the Prime Minister will speak.</i> CONCLUDING - <i>Finally, Lastly, Last but not least, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will announce the new budget.</i>
To add more points to the same topic:	<i>What is more, Furthermore, Apart from this/that, In addition (to this), Moreover, Besides (this), ... not to mention the fact that your choice of career is a fundamental decision which will influence the rest of your life.</i> <i>Not only is your choice of career a fundamental decision, but it is also one that will influence the rest of your life.</i> <i>Your choice of career is both a fundamental decision and something that will influence the rest of your life.</i>
To refer to other sources:	<i>With reference to, According to the latest scientific research, the use of mobile phones can be damaging to one's health in the long run.</i>
To express cause:	<i>The man was acquitted of the crime because, owing to the fact that, due to the fact that, on the grounds that, since, as there wasn't any substantial evidence.</i> <i>In view of, Because of, Owing to the lack of substantial evidence the man was acquitted of the crime.</i> <i>There was a lack of substantial evidence; for this reason the man was acquitted.</i> <i>Seeing that there was a lack of substantial evidence, the man was acquitted.</i> <i>The man is to be retired now that some new evidence has come to light.</i>
To express effect:	<i>There was a sudden deluge; thus, therefore, so, consequently, as a result, as a consequence, he sprinted home.</i>
To express purpose:	<i>Due to the storm, the pilot decided to turn back, so that the flight would not be jeopardized.</i> <i>Due to the storm, the pilot decided to turn back, so as to / in order to avoid jeopardizing the flight.</i> <i>Due to the storm, the pilot decided to turn back, in case the flight was jeopardized.</i> <i>They purchased the old mansion with the purpose/intention of converting it into a luxury hotel.</i>