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LINKING WORDS

Component: Academic Writing
ILO: To improve vocabulary for academic writing

Study Skills



TOOL

This is an exercise to use when students need to write assignments and are struggling with vocabulary. There is an accompanying list of words to handout, but you could get the class to write their own, maybe creating a list on specific topics related to the module.

ACTIVITY

Set a short writing exercise relevant to the knowledge learning. You could set something relevant to the module assessment.

Give out the handout, and ask students to review their writing and look for ways to improve it using the Linking Words.

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HOW

How much time you spend on this will depend on how much practice students need to develop their writing skills.

LARGE GROUP TEACHING

This is a solo activity, however you could get students to review each other's work in small groups.

ONLINE TEACHING

You can share the pdf of this list with students in Zoom chat and on the VLE.

SUCCESS

Students' confidence in their writing skills is improved.

NEXT STEPS

Other lists could be created such as the Glossary of Jargon TLA.

For students who are struggling with writing, you could ask for extra support for them or follow up with tutorials.

LINKING WORDS IN ESSAYS

Make sure you know what they mean before you use them!
That's what Google is for...

and
along with
also
as a consequence
as well as
furthermore
in addition
including
moreover
together with

because
as a result of
consequently
therefore
thus
owing to
due to
considering
now that
since
thanks to

before, now and next
after
behind
consequently
earlier
finally
first
first of all
firstly
former
in the end
later
latterly
meanwhile
next
now
previously
prior
subsequently
succeeding
then
thereafter
overall
to recap

summary
generally
in brief
in other words
in short
on the whole
overall
to recap
in conclusion

emphasis
above all
especially
in particular
indeed
mainly
notable
primarily
significantly
specifically

for example
as shown by
demonstrated by
e.g.
for instance
illustrated by
one example
in the case of
such as

so
accordingly
consequently
for this reason
therefore
hence
in this way
that is why

like
as with
Comparing
equally
in common with
in the same way
likewise
similarly

but
although
apart from
as if
as long as
conversely
except
in contrast
instead
however
nevertheless
on the other hand
still
though
unless
yet

therefore
as a consequence
as a result
consequently
equally
ergo
hence
in consequence
in that event
properly
respectively
so
subsequently
suitably
then
therefore
thus
under the circumstances

unlike
alternatively
conversely
having said that
however
in contrast
nevertheless
nonetheless
notwithstanding
whereas



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RESOURCES

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List of linking words handout