

Useful Linking Words and Phrases

To indicate contrast

however	on the other hand	alternatively	instead	conversely
in fact	on the contrary	rather	in comparison	but
yet	another possibility	although	nevertheless	better/worst still
notwithstanding	in spite of	all the same	for all that	in contrast
despite this				

To provide an illustration

for example	that is	that is to say	for instance	in other words
such as	as follows	typical of this is	namely	in particular
a typical/particular/key example	including	especially	not least	
chiefly	mainly	most importantly		

To extend a point

similarly	equally	likewise	too	also	furthermore	indeed
In the same way	besides	above all	as well	in addition		

To show cause and effect/conclusion

so	therefore	accordingly	thus	hence	as a result/consequence
resulting from this	as a consequence of this	because of this/that			
consequently	in this/that case	for this reason	owing/due to the fact		
it follows that	this suggests that	in conclusion	to conclude		
in short	in all	in brief	this implies		
it might be concluded from this					

To show the next step

Firstly/secondly/ thirdly ...	to begin/start with	in the first/second place/instance			
first and foremost	first and most importantly	another	then	next	
finally	lastly	ultimately	after	afterwards	last but not least