**Linking ideas together**

**Transitioning between written ideas signpost to the reader the direction your logic will take. The choice of linking words can add emphasis, or introduce alternative viewpoints depending on the direction of your argument. Below is a selection of words to connect ideas and direct your argument.**

**Following on from a point made previously**

* **also; moreover; again; further; what is more; in addition**
* **besides; too; as well; above all**
* **either; neither…nor; not only…but also; in the same way; indeed; similarly**
* **in fact; really; in reality; it is found that…**
* **as for; as to; with respect to; regarding**

**Listing items**

* **another; yet another; in addition; finally**
* **first(ly); second(ly); third(ly)**
* **to begin; in the second place**
* **moreover; additionally; also**
* **next; then; and to conclude; lastly; finally**

**Providing examples**

* **in other words; that is to say**
* **especially; particularly; in particular; chiefly; notably; mostly**
* **for instance; for example; for instance**

**Putting the same idea another way**

* **in that case; in other words; rather; better**
* **to put it more simply**
* **to look at this another way**
* **in view of this; with this in mind**

**Introducing alternative viewpoints**

* **another way of viewing this is; alternatively; by contrast; again; rather; an alternative is; another possibility is**
* **on the one hand; on the other hand**
* **in comparison; conversely; on the contrary; in fact; though; although**

**Showing the results of an action of thing**

* **accordingly; as a result; therefore**
* **so; then; is can be seen**
* **resulting from this; now; consequently**
* **we can see then; that; it is evident that**
* **the consequence is; the result is**
* **because of this; thus; hence; for this reason; owing to X; this suggests that; it follows that**
* **otherwise, in other words; in this case; that implies**

**Emphasizing your earlier viewpoint**

* **nonetheless; however; in the final analysis; despite; in spite of X; notwithstanding**
* **although; though; after all; at the same time; on the other hand; although X may have a good point; all the same**

**Concluding**

* **so; therefore; my conclusion is**
* **in short; in conclusion; to conclude; in all; on the whole**
* **to summarize; altogether; in brief; overall; thus we can see**

