**Developing Academic English Using Linking Words**

A fluent, flowing style helps the reader to follow your ideas and your arguments. Try using some of the words listed below to make your writing more fluent and to introduce your further reading that backs up the points you are making in your writing.

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| **Order** | **Contrast** |
| In the first place | But |
| Firstly | Still |
| To begin with | However |
| Secondly | Yet |
| Lastly | Nevertheless |
| Finally | On the contrary |
|  | Despite |
| **Example** |  |
| For instance | **Addition** |
| For example | Moreover |
| Thus | Furthermore |
|  | What is more |
| **Time** | In addition |
| At first |  |
| Next | **Reason** |
| Later | For this reason |
| In the end | Owing to this |
| Eventually | Therefore |
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| **Attitude** | **Result** |
| Naturally | As a result |
| Of course | Consequently |
| Luckily | So |
| (Un)Fortunately | Thus |
| Admittedly | Accordingly |
| Undoubtedly |  |
|  | **Summary** |
| **Comparison** | Finally |
| In contrast | In conclusion |
| Similarly | To sum up |
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Linking words can be used to link the flow of your ideas in your writing.