**Cohesion: linking words and phrases**

You can use words or short phrases which help to guide your reader through your writing, and to link sentences, paragraphs and sections both forwards and backwards. Good use will make what you have written easy to follow.  
  
There follows a list of words and phrases that can be used. The list is not complete; these are just examples. Make sure you understand what they mean before using them.

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| **Listing** | **Giving examples** | **Generalising** |
| first, second, third | for example | usually |
| firstly, secondly, finally | for instance | generally |
| to begin, to conclude | **Result/consequence** | in most cases |
| next | so | **Highlighting** |
| **Reinforcement** | therefore | in particular |
| also | as a result/consequence | particularly |
| furthermore | for this/that reason | especially |
| in addition | consequently | mainly |
| in the same way | because of this/that | **Restating** |
| **Similarity** | **Deduction** | in other words |
| equally | then | to put it more simply |
| likewise | in other words | **Expressing an alternative** |
| similarly | in that case | alternatively |
| in the same way | otherwise | on the other hand |
| **Summary** | if so/not | the alternative is |
| in conclusion | **Stating the obvious** | **Contrast** |
| to conclude | obviously | instead |
| to summarise | clearly | on the contrary |
| overall | naturally | in contrast |
| therefore | of course | in comparison |
|  |  | **Concession (something unexpected)** |
|  |  | however |
|  |  | even though |