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Linking Words in English and the Use of Them to Improve University Students' Writing

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ANNOTATION

The article gives information about linking words in English language and the usage of them in writing. During the paper some main problems of using linking words by university students are discussed and scientific solutions are provided.

KEYWORDS: connecting words, conjunctions, grammar, speaking, writing, adverbials.

I. INTRODUCTION

Connecting words, also known as transition words, but or otherwise, are words and phrases that connect clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or other words. The purpose of linking words (which is different from linking verbs) is to make communication smoother and more logical when moving from one idea to another [1]. They help connect ideas, sentences, and paragraphs, making writing more coherent and easier to read. Also known as transition words or phrases, linking words are used to signal a change of thought, introduce new ideas, give examples, and show relationships between different parts of a text. One of the main tasks of connecting words is to show the relationship between ideas. For example, the word "but" is used to express a contradiction or change of mind. Consider the following sentence: "I like to play soccer, but I don't have time to practice every day." In this sentence, "but" expresses the conflict between the speaker's love for soccer and their inability to practice every day. Words such as "for example," "for example," and "including" are used to include specific examples or situations. For example, "The dairy store has many different products, such as cheese, yogurt, milk, and butter." Conjunctions can also be used to show cause and effect relationships. Words like "because", "therefore", "as a result" are used to indicate that one thing causes another thing. For example, "I missed my exam because I overslept." In this sentence, "because" indicates that oversleeping caused the speaker to miss his exam. In addition to showing relationships between ideas, linking words can also be used to sequence events or ideas. Words like "first," "second," and "finally" are used to indicate sequential steps or events. For example, "First, I wrote an email to him. Second, called three times. Finally, I managed to make him awake".

II. METHODS

Conjunctions are a type of linking word that connects ideas, sentences, and paragraphs in a text. They are adverbial clauses or adverbial clauses that express the relationship between two or more parts of the text. Conjunctive adverbs can be used to show cause and effect, time, opposition, or adverb. Conjunctive adverbs

that show cause and effect include "so," "therefore," "thus," and "as a result." These words show that one event or idea caused another. Conjunctive adverbs of time include "at the same time," "later," "eventually," and "finally." These words indicate a sequence of events or ideas. Conjunctive adverbs that show contrast include "but," "nevertheless," "on the other hand," and "yet." These words show the difference between the two ideas. Conjunctive adverbs that indicate addition include "in addition," "besides," "besides," and "also." These words indicate that another idea is being added to the current one.

Linking words are used to connect ideas, sentences, and paragraphs in a text so that they help create a logical flow and make the text easier to read and understand. Depending on the relationship between ideas or sentences, you need to choose an appropriate linking word. While linking words is important, it's also important not to overuse them. Using too many linking words can make your writing repetitive and monotonous. The best way to improve the use of conjunctions is to practice. Try to write short paragraphs and use different linking words to connect the ideas. Ask someone to read your writing and give you feedback on how the ideas fit together.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Now it is time to look through some common linking words with examples that are used in English writing.

1) Contrast

- However - This university has the best teachers in the country. However, its area is pretty small.
- In contrast - Meat prices have gone down this year. In contrast, meat prices seem to be decreasing.
- Nevertheless - I was in so much pain I didn't want to get up in early morning. Nevertheless, I went to football practice as usual.
- Yet - I've asked you a thousand times not to leave your dirty dishes on the table. Yet, you keep doing it.
- On the other hand - England has the best language schools. On the other hand, it has the worst air.
- By comparison - Going out with Jane has its risks. By comparison, being with Tuna is as easy as falling off a log.
- On the contrary - I don't hate him. On the contrary, I'm rather fond of him.
- Instead - I didn't want to take part in the argument. Instead, i put my headphones on and listened to some pop music.

2) Similarity

- Likewise - You can't give your phone number to everyone that is stranger. Likewise, you can't go out with everyone who likes you.
- Similarly - You're not allowed to use your mobile phone here. Similarly, you have to switch it off when you're in the exam.
- Correspondingly - She's an excellent photographer. Correspondingly, her paintings are master works of art.
- In the same way - Cutting down on sugar will help you lose weight. In the same way, doing morning exercise will help you get rid of a few kilos.
- Also - I want to talk to princess. Also, I want to meet her sister-in-law.

3) Result

- As a result - I've done an energy balancing course. As a result, I've been able to cure myself.
- As a consequence - Ali has skipped school on many occasions. As a consequence, he's failed his German test.
- Therefore - We're going to experience some meteor showers in the next few days. Therefore, the number of miraculous events will rise.
- Thus - You didn't tell me you wanted to walk. Thus, we won't be taking you with us today.
- Accordingly - A lot of tourists visit the area in autumn. Accordingly, selling hand-made objects is the main source of making money

4) Sequencing

- First, firstly, first of all, in the first place - First of all, I'd like to talk about the benefits of keeping a pet.
- To begin with - To begin with, pet cats are cleaner than dogs.
- Also - Also, they don't eat so much.
- Besides - Besides not eating much, they won't ever damage your electric cords.
- In addition - In addition, they can be taught to feed themselves.
- Furthermore- Furthermore, they make wonderful walking styles.
- Moreover - Moreover, they'll show you the way home when you're drunk.
- Finally - Finally, they are fantastic guards. No burglar would ever have the heart to hurt them.

5) Order of importance

- Most importantly - I'd like to talk to you about how to keep calm at your working place. Most importantly, never go to the canteen while your boss is eating there.
- Primarily - you'll have to focus on your immediate surroundings. Primarily, on your computer screen.
- Above all - above all, don't ever look up from your notes when people are around.
- Most significantly - most significantly, avoid eye-contact at all costs.
- Essentially, basically (usually spoken) - how can i put this? Essentially, having an affair with one of your colleagues should be the last thing on your mind.

6) Particularization

- In particular, particularly - Nearly a third of marriages end up with divorce. In particular, it's middle-aged couples that yearn for much more from life.
- More specifically - Couples tend to argue about financial problems. More specifically, they argue when one of them does not work.

7) Exemplification

- For example - To solve this trouble, you might want to try making small compliments. For example, making your spouse's favourite meal for dinner or giving him a massage after a tiring day.

- For instance - Appreciate the smallest things your partner does for you. For instance, leave thank-you notes for them every now and then.
- To illustrate - Misunderstandings can be highly negative. To illustrate, if your couple sees you with a friend of the male gender in a café, he might not understand why he hasn't been invited and demand an explanation.

8) Emphasising

- As a matter of fact - I love sleeping with my pet Linda. As a matter of fact, I can't fall asleep unless he's in my bed.
- In fact - I told them not to invite Rachel to the party. In fact, i was the only person who saw what a party lover she really was.
- Actually - I think it would be a good idea to send her some flowers. Actually, you should get her a hundred roses.
- Indeed - He may be the best-looking man around. Indeed, he has a really good taste in fashion.

9) Conclusion

- In conclusion - In conclusion, it may be said that cats make the best pets.
- In brief - Meeting my friend at the night club was an interesting experience. In brief, it was a disaster.
- In summary - In summary, it may not be the best idea to visit often the same parks as your boss.
- To sum up - To sum up, some are better suited to working online than others.
- All in all - All in all, you have to know both you and your customers feel satisfied with your work.

10) Time

- At first - It wasn't a piece of cake to learn a language. At first, I couldn't pronounce all the words properly.
- Then - then, I couldn't spell all the words correctly.
- Afterwards - Afterwards, i had a hard time understanding the tenses.
- Later - Later, I couldn't memorize Russian phrasal verbs and idioms [2].

IV. CONCLUSION

All in all, the study of how to use linking words in writing process is always the thing that should be learned thoroughly so that every language learner must be independent to use them in any cases with a correct meaning. Teaching linking words involves giving students examples of how these words are used in different contexts, as well as providing practice exercises to help them master their use. Teachers can also use games and activities to make the learning process more interesting and interactive. In general, learning and teaching linking words is essential for effective written and spoken communication. By mastering these words, students can improve their ability to express themselves clearly and coherently, which is essential for success in academic and professional settings.

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