**LINKING WORDS**

**Expressing contrast:**

**But, although, though (more informal), even though (more emphatic), in spite of, despite**

The café was crowded, **but** we found a table.

**Although** the café was crowded, we found a table.

**Though** the café was crowded, we found a table. / The café was crowded. We found a table, **though**.

**Even though** the café was crowded, we found a table.

We found a table **in spite of** all the people. / We found a table **despite** all the people.

We found a table **in spite of the fact that** there were so many people. / … **despite the fact…**

**However** crowded it was, we found a table.

It **may** be crowded, but I still want to go there.

**Expressing purpose:**

**To, in order (not)to, so as (not) to – in order to and so as to are more formal**

Most people work **to** earn money.

The government took these measures **in order to** reduce crime.

The staff are working at weekends **so as to** complete the project in time.

Melanie was hurrying **in order not to** miss her bus. (we cannot use not to on its own)

**So that**

After so that we use subject and verb, often with will or can for a present purtpose and would or could for past purpose

I´ll give you a map **so that you can/will** find the way all right.

I gave Nick a map **so that he could find/would be able** to find the way all right.

**For** with a noun – Why don´t you come over for coffee?

Purpose of a thing – This heater is to keep / for keeping the plants warm in winter.

Specific action - I put the heater on to keep the plants warm. (Not for keeping)

**Time words**

When, as, while, after, as soon as, before, until, since …

Remember to use the present simple for future time after them!

**Condition**

If, unless, in case

**LINKS ACROSS SENTENCES**

Words and phrases meaning „and“: **Too, as well, also, in addition, besides, furthermore**

Words and phrases meaning „but“:**Still, however, all the same, nevertheless, on the other hand**

Words and phrases meaning „so“:**Therefore, as a result, consequently**

Rather formal, typical for written English: conseěuently, furthermore, however, in addition, nevertheless, therefore

**Other linking words and phrases:**

**Rephrasing**: Jessica isn´t the most popular person around here. **In other words**, no one likes her.

**Correcting yourself**: We play basketball**. I mean/Or rather** voleyball.

**Contradicting**: Sarah isn´t lazy. **On the contrary**, she works extremely hard.

**Picking up a topic:** I like Natasha. I went on holidays with her. – **Talking of holidays**, what are your plans?

**Changing the subject**: It´s a lovely day, isn´t it? – Yes, beautiful. **By the way**, have you seen Melanie?

**Supporting a statement**: We don´t nedd to drive to the club, do we? **After all**, it´s only 200m from here.

**Dismissing something:** I´m not sure a thank-you letter is really necessary**. Anyway**, I can´t be bothered to write any.

**Giving an example:** Yes, I do think Henry is rude. He shouts at waiters, **for example.**