

## Linking words – Part 1

*'The little words that make a big difference'*



### Giving reasons – Group A:

'Because', 'as', 'since', 'because of', 'due to', 'on account of', 'as a consequence of', 'in order to'

**Example:** Due to the terrible weather demand has significantly decreased.

### Giving results – Group B:

'Therefore', 'consequently', 'as a result', 'so'

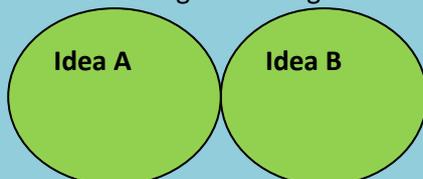
**Example:** We have had a major problem on the production line; as a result customers will experience significant delays.

### Expressing contrast – Group C:

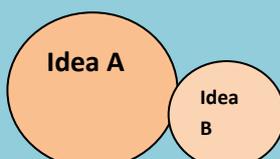
'However', 'but', 'although', 'even though', 'despite', 'in spite of', 'though', 'while', 'since'

#### Remember!

- 'Despite', 'in spite of' are followed by a gerund/noun.
- 'Although' and 'even though' are followed by subject + verb.
- 'Even though' is stronger than 'although'.



You can use 'however' and 'but' to express two contrasting ideas often equal in status. **Example:** I love vanilla ice cream but I hate chocolate ice cream.



You can use 'although', 'even though', 'despite', 'in spite of' to express a qualification to an idea, but the first idea typically remains stronger. **Example:** I went running despite the rain.

### Top ten elegant transitions (in bold)

- 1) **Moreover** (in addition to...)
- 2) **In essence** (the key point is...)
- 3) **On balance** (after reviewing both options...)
- 4) **Correspondingly** (at the same time...)
- 5) **Coupled with** (together with...)
- 6) **In summary** (to sum up...)
- 7) **Conversely** (in the opposite way...)
- 8) **Markedly** (a significant or strong...)
- 9) **Notably** (in particular...)
- 10) **Nevertheless, nonetheless** (despite this...)

**Practice:** Use group C linking words and qualify or challenge these sentences.

I think English food is fantastic....

I love speaking English....

I think the United Kingdom is great....

I think I am cool....

I am confident about the future....

### Idioms of money



- 1) I am **broke!** I have no money.
- 2) In the **black.** You are making money, in profit.
- 3) In the **red.** You are losing money, in debt.
- 4) You **burn** money! You are spending money at a very fast rate.
- 5) She is **loaded!** She is very rich!
- 6) Money **talks!** The most important consideration is the money we will be paid.
- 7) On a **shoestring.** You have a very small budget.
- 8) To pay an **arm and a leg.** The item is very expensive.

### Preposition Corner – verbs used with 'for'

- He apologised for being late. You can also 'apologise to someone'.
- I applied for the job but I didn't get it.
- How do you ask for a coffee in Polish?
- She spent many years caring for her aged parents.
- I can't go out tonight because I have to prepare for my interview tomorrow.