

Discourse Markers - Linkers, conjunctions, connectors

Discourse Markers are used to combine clauses or to connect sentence elements. Each discourse marker indicates a particular meaning relationship between two or more clauses. Here are some connectors and their corresponding meaning:

Contrast	Addition	Cause and Effect	Condition
but, whereas, while, on the other hand, unlike, although, though, despite the fact, however, nevertheless, despite, in spite of, instead of	and, in addition, additionally, furthermore, moreover, not only...but also, as well as, besides	because, since, therefore, as a result, consequently, due to, thus, so that, in order to	if, unless, only if, even if, even though, otherwise (negative condition)
Time	Example	Conclusion	Emphasis
First, Next, eventually, instantly, before long, when, while, meanwhile, as soon as	For example, for instance, To illustrate	In conclusion, to conclude, in summary, to summarize, as we have seen, in short	in fact, as a matter of fact, indeed in other words, that means, actually