

Connecting Ideas in and between Sentences (Ch.: 87):

A- Some phrases are used to connect one sentence with another sentence or sentences. They are mostly put at the beginning of a sentence. It is up to the writer whether to use sentence connectors within a sentence (conjunctions, such as: because, so that, when,...etc.) or between sentences within a text or a paragraph:

There was no heating in the building. **As a result**, the workers had to be sent home. Or:

There was no heating in the building **so that** the workers had to be sent home,

The workers had to be sent home **because** there was no heating

There are different uses of sentence connectors and conjunctions (as explained in the previous chapters):

1- Comparing, contrasting, unexpected event in the main clause:

- **Sentence connectors:** after all, all the time, alternatively, anyway, by contrast, even so, however, in any case, in contrast, instead, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand.
- **Conjunctions:** although, even though, though, whereas, while, yet

2- Adding information:

- **Sentence connectors:** after all, above all, also, besides, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly, what's more, as well (at the end of a sentence) , too (at the end of a sentence).

3- Reasons and results:

- **Sentence connectors:** as a consequence, as a result, consequently, for one thing, hence, in consequence, therefore, thus.
- **Conjunctions:** as, because, for, in that, since, insofar as, so, so that.

4- Condition:

- **Sentence connectors:** if not, if so, otherwise.
- **Conjunctions:** as long as, assuming (that), if, on condition that, provided (that), so long as, supposing (that), unless.

5- Time (two events at the same time):

- **Sentence connectors:** at that time, at the same time, meanwhile.
- **Conjunctions:** as, when, while, whenever

6- Time (two events: one after or before the other):

- **Sentence connectors:** after, after that, afterwards, before, before that, earlier, later, previously, soon, subsequently, then.
- **Conjunctions:** after, before, since, until, as soon as.

NOTES:

- **'Even though'** is a conjunction while **'Even so'** is a sentence connector referring back to a surprising idea in a previous sentence:
It was midday. **Even so**, I put on the light.
- **'however'** can be a sentence connector and a conjunction, as well:
You could fly via Singapore. **However**, this isn't the suitable choice now.
However she held the mirror, she couldn't see the back of her neck.
- **Sentence connectors** can be used to connect clauses within a sentence if they are joined with: **and, but, or, so, semi-colon (;), colon (:), or dash -:**
The building was extremely well and, **as a result**, difficult to demolish.
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References

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