

STUDENT LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

SIGNPOSTING WORDS

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Often, in academic writing, you will want to link the meaning of two sentences to allow your writing to flow smoothly. Signposting words are sometimes used to begin sentences so as to link the meaning in the second sentence to that of the previous one. Other signposting words are used within a sentence rather than at the beginning.

	SENTENCE START	SENTENCE MIDDLE	BASIC MEANING
REASON	Due to the fact that... Owing to the fact that... This stems from the fact that... This is due to the fact that...	...since... ...as... ...due/ owing to the fact that... ...stemming from the fact that...	Because
ADDITION	Moreover, Furthermore, In addition, Also,	...and also... ...and in addition... ...in addition to which... ...besides which...	And
RESULT	Therefore, Hence, Thus, Accordingly, As a result, Consequently,	...and therefore... ...and as a result... ...and consequently... ...resulting in... ...as a result of which...	So
PURPOSE	In order for... The aim of this essay is to...	...in order to... ...so that/ in order that... ...with the intention/ aim of... ...with a view to...	So that
FOCUSING	This... Here, Such For example,/ For instance,	...which... ...who...	Emphasis – being specific
LISTING	First/ Firstly Second/ Secondly Following this, Subsequently,	...after which... ...and following this... ...and then... ...and subsequently...	Then/ After
COMPARISON	Similarly, Likewise,	...and similarly... ...and likewise...	Like
CONTRAST OR OPPOSITION	However, Despite this, Nevertheless, In contrast, On the other hand,	...yet... ...although... ...despite which... ...while/ whereas...	But
AUTHOR'S VOICE	Clearly, In fact, Interestingly, Arguably, Certainly, Notably, Importantly, Fundamentally	...but clearly... ...yet interestingly... ...but it seems that...	Stance/ Authority