

LINKING WORDS

Here is a list of **linking words** and **phrases**.

These are very **important** for **IELTS Writing** ('Coherence & Cohesion').

Adding

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
and	✓	✓
also	✓	✓
as well (as)	✓	✓
not only... but also	✓	✓
furthermore	✓	
in addition	✓	
additionally	✓	
moreover	✓	
plus		✓
what's more		✓

Contrasts

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
but	✓	✓
however	✓	✓
although	✓	✓
even though	✓	✓
despite	✓	✓
in spite of	✓	✓
in contrast	✓	
conversely	✓	
nevertheless		✓
though		✓
then again		✓
on the other hand		✓

Reasons

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
because	✓	✓
since	✓	✓
as	✓	✓
due to	✓	✓
owing to	✓	✓
'coz'		✓

Results

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
so	✓	✓
therefore	✓	✓
as a result	✓	✓
resulting in	✓	✓
leading to	✓	✓
consequently	✓	
as a consequence	✓	
thus	✓	
hence	✓	
for this reason	✓	

Giving examples:

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
for example	✓	✓
such as	✓	✓
namely	✓	✓
particularly	✓	✓
in particular	✓	✓
e.g.		✓
like		✓

Listing (useful for describing processes in Academic IELTS Task 1):

	FORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING	INFORMAL SPEAKING & WRITING
firstly	✓	✓
secondly	✓	✓
then	✓	✓
next	✓	✓
finally	✓	✓
in the end		✓

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