

Learning Objective: to apply a wide variety of linking devices

Linking devices must be very varied.

Linking devices can be single words or phrases.

Word Level Choices

Orange = Academic Word List items

Select the best option from the three possible linking devices.

Cinema, with its **multifaceted role** as a **cultural mirror, entertainer, and educator**, holds **profound significance within society**. 1. Primarily/ chiefly/ essentially, it serves as a **conduit for collective storytelling, offering narratives** that reflect **the human condition**, provoke introspection, and foster empathy. 2. Moreover/by the same token/ correspondingly, cinema **functions** as a **catalyst for social discourse, confronting pertinent issues and sparking dialogue on topics ranging from politics to ethics**. 3. Furthermore/ In addition to this/ similarly/, its **immersive nature enables** audiences to transcend **geographical and cultural boundaries, fostering cross-cultural understanding and unity**. 4. In essence/ distilled/ all in all, cinema stands as a **testament to the power of art in shaping societal consciousness, enriching lives, and building a shared sense of humanity**.

Sentence Level Practice

- a) _____ there being several difficulties with accessing clean energy, this type of power generation is the only option for the future.
- b) Face to face lessons bring benefits of human connection and rapport building. _____, online learning provides much more convenient and flexible options.
- c) Notwithstanding the potential catastrophic dangers, nuclear power has several advantages such as its independence from fossil fuels. _____, the production of nuclear power provides employment opportunities in an area.
- d) The most valued jobs in our society are not always the best paid. _____, those who look after young children are invaluable to parents, but do not command high salaries.

Free Practice

Roll a dice and make a sentence using the linking device in the square.

1 furthermore	2 primarily	3 alternatively	4 all in all	5 to clarify	6 by and large
7 subsequently	8 nevertheless	9 in addition to this	10 similarly	11 with this in mind	12 in summary
13 consequently	14 on balance	15 distilled	16 as such	17 uniquely	18 not to be overlooked
19 additionally	20 thus	21 chiefly	22 initially	23 henceforth	24 equally
25 in contrast	26 as a result	27 by the same token	28 all things considered	29 for this reason	30 albeit
31 correspondingly	32 regardless	33 nonetheless	34 therefore	35 despite	36 for this reason
37 essentially	38 overall	39 accordingly	40 notwithstanding	41 whereas	42 thereupon

Topics

Write a main body paragraph for each essay question. Use a linking word at the start of each sentence.

- 1) **Education should be free to all people and should be paid for and managed by the government. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**
- 2) **Modern technology now allows rapid and uncontrolled access to information in many countries. This is a danger to our societies. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**
- 3) **Doctors recommend that older people exercise regularly. However, many of them do not get enough exercise. What are the reasons? What can be done to encourage them to exercise more?**

Answers

Word Level

1. Primarily
2. By the same token
3. In addition to this
4. a

Sentence Level

- a) Despite
- b) Nonetheless/ nevertheless/ despite this
- c) Additionally/ in addition / by the same token
- d) To illustrate/ to clarify/ for example

Free Practice

Answers will vary.

Example paragraphs of Topics

- 1) **Primarily**, education provides nations with economic resources for future production. **As such** it benefits governments to provide high quality education without cost to ensure a highly skilled workforce is plentiful. **To illustrate**, a knowledge economy such as that of the UK requires IT professionals who have undergone specialised education. **All in all**, a free education supplies the value to governments in the form of a trained and productive workforce.
- 2) **Essentially**, knowledge equals power, and **therefore** society is strengthened through access to information. **That being said**, the rise of conspiracy theories and fake news has presented a danger to democracies. The recent Coronavirus pandemic **provides a clear illustration** of the danger of sharing false information online. **To clarify**, access to high quality information is not dangerous, but it is important to question the veracity of facts available through digital technology.
- 3) **One of** the barriers to exercise is a lack of confidence in approaching a new activity. **Thus** doctors could refer patients to community groups where they would be supported in engaging in the exercise of their choosing. **One example of this** is a local walking group in which people can walk alongside others and know there is support and friendship available. **In summary**, anxieties about accessing exercise opportunities can be assuaged by doctors having the knowledge to refer patients to local community organisations.

References

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