While taking this test, many non native english speakers do not properly join 2 small sentences. The proper use of connectives mentioned below will be helpful. Try to use them in your sentences. Discuss more at [**English Exam Forum**](http://www.aippg.net/forum/viewforum.php?f=6)

Familiarity with these words would be useful in all IELTS test modules.

Common connective words indicating:

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| **Addition** | **Sequence** | **Consequence** | **Contrast** |
| in addition  and similarly  likewise as well as  besides further more  also moreover and then too not only ... but even besides this/that | first(ly) initially  second(ly) etc.to begin with then  next earlier/later  after this/that  following this/that  afterwards | as a result thus so therefore  consequently  it follows that  thereby  eventually  then in that case  admittedly | however on the other hand despite in spite of  though although but  on the contrary  otherwise yet instead of  rather whereas  nonetheless even though  compared with in contrast alternatively |
| **Certainty** | **Condition** | **Definition** | **Summary** |
| obviously certainly  plainly of course  undoubtedly | if unless whether  provided that for  so that whether  depending on | is refers to  means that is  consists of | in conclusion in summary lastly finally  to sum up to conclude  to recapitulate in short |
| **Example** | **Reason** | **Time** |  |
| for instance one example for example  just as in particular  such as namely  to illustrate | since as so  because (of)  due to owing to  the reason why  in other words  leads to cause | before since as  until meanwhile  at the moment  when whenever  as soon as just as |  |