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 similarlylikewise as well asbesides further morealso moreover and then too not only ... but even besides this/that | first(ly) initiallysecond(ly) etc.to begin with thennext earlier/laterafter this/thatfollowing this/thatafterwards | as a result thus so thereforeconsequentlyit follows thatthereby eventuallythen in that caseadmittedly | however on the other hand despite in spite ofthough although buton the contraryotherwise yet instead ofrather whereasnonetheless even thoughcompared with in contrast alternatively |
| **Certainty** | **Condition** | **Definition** | **Summary** |
| obviously certainlyplainly of courseundoubtedly | if unless whetherprovided that forso that whetherdepending on | is refers to means that isconsists of | in conclusion in summary lastly finallyto sum up to concludeto recapitulate in short |
| **Example** | **Reason** | **Time** |   |
| for instance one example for examplejust as in particularsuch as namelyto illustrate  | since as sobecause (of)due to owing tothe reason whyin other wordsleads to cause | before since asuntil meanwhileat the momentwhen wheneveras soon as just as |     |