

# 112 More linking words

Some words can be used to show a relationship between two sentences, or parts of a sentence. This can be cause, effect, emphasis, contrast, or comparison.

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## 112.1 FORMAL LINKING WORDS

Some linking words are used most often in formal writing and speaking situations.

The castle was built in 1272, **whereas** / **yet** the town is modern.

Shows contrast.



His talk was popular and his book was **similarly** / **equally** well-liked.

Shows comparison.



Video calls are popular **due to** / **owing to** / **as a result of** global internet access.

Shows reason.



It's free to visit the museum. **Hence** / **Therefore**, it's very popular.

Shows result.



He is known for his research, **primarily** / **notably** into royal families.

Shows emphasis.



## 112.2 INFORMAL LINKING WORDS

Some linking words are mostly used in informal writing and speech.

### TIP

Stress can be added to the linking word to emphasize the relationship between words when speaking.



I like listening to music, **but** **though** my mother hates it.

Shows contrast.



He's a talented swimmer, **like** **just as** his great-grandfather was.

Shows comparison.



The elderly can get around easily, **because of** **thanks to** local bus services.

Shows reason.



Staying in touch is easy, **because** **since** **as** we all have smartphones.

Shows result.



We grew up together, **so** we tell each other everything. We are very close. **As a result**, we know everything about each other.

Shows effect.



All my siblings are tall, **especially** **particularly** my older sister.

Shows emphasis.