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LINKERS

A CONTRAST AND OPPOSITION

-But / Yet + adjective, noun phrase or sentence

-Although / Even though / Though / In spite of the fact that + sentence

-However, / Nevertheless, / Even so, + sentence

-In spite of / Despite + noun phrase (gerund)

-On the one hand…… On the other hand, + sentence

-While / Whereas + sentence

-Unlike + noun phrase,

They are poor but proud.

-Although /Even though / Though / In spite of the fact that they had won the elections, the results were not as good as they expected. However, / Nevertheless, / Even so, they celebrated their victory as planned.

Despite / In spite of the bad weather, they went out for dinner.

On the one hand, we are trying to accept all the application forms. On the other hand, there are certain skills which are required to apply for the job.

Jane was completely convinced of her future plans while / whereas Tom was not decided to continue his studies.

Unlike Tom, Jane was completely convinced of her future plans.

B RESULT, CONSEQUENCE

-So / Therefore / As a result / As a consequence / Consequently / For this reason / Thus + sentence

I did not understand what he was saying. So / Therefore / As a result / As a consequence / Consequently / For this reason / Thus, I had to revise the maths book to work out the lesson on my own.

C REASON, CAUSE

-Because / As / Since + sentence

-Because of / Due to / Owing to / On account of + noun phrase (or –ing)

He didn’t turn up because / as / since he was in hospital.

He didn’t turn up because of / due to / owing to / on account of his illness.

-As a result / consequence of + noun phrase

As a result / consequence of the low salaries, workers have to make great efforts to pay bills.

D PURPOSE (*Result)*

-So as to/ In order to / To + infinitive

-So (that) / In order that + sentence

He stood on a chair so as to / in order to / to reach the top shelf.

He stood on a chair so (that) / in order that he could reach the top shelf.