LINKING WORDS & PHRASES

- TO GIVE A PERSONAL OPINION:
  - *IN MY OPINION, / IN MY VIEW, / I BELIEVE THAT / IT SEEMS TO ME THAT / I THINK THAT*
  - *…PEOPLE COULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE CITY.*

- TO LIST POINTS:
  - *FIRST(LY), / FIRST OF ALL, / IN THE FIRST PLACE, / TO START WITH, / TO BEGIN WITH, / SECONDLY, / THIRDLY, / FINALLY,*
  - *…EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SMOKING IS EXTREMELY BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH.*

- TO SHOW CONSEQUENCE:
  - *BEGINNING: FIRST. / TO BEGIN WITH, / TO START WITH, / FIRST OF ALL, …GET EVERYONE OUT OF THE BUILDING.*
  - *CONTINUING: SECONDLY, / AFTER THIS/THAT, / THEN, / NEXT, …CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE.*
  - *CONCLUDING: FINALLY, / LASTLY, / LAST BUT NOT LEAST, …KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE FIRE.*

- TO ADD MORE POINTS ON THE SAME TOPIC:
  - *DOGS ARE **ALSO** VERY USEFUL IN POLICE WORK.*
  - *DOGS ARE USEFUL IN POLICE WORK **TOO**.*

- TO SHOW CAUSE:
  - *THE BBC DECIDED NOT TO SHOW THE PROGRAMME **BECAUSE / SINCE / AS** …IT WAS REALLY BAD.*

- TO SHOW PURPOSE:
  - *HE DECIDED TO LEARN RUSSIAN **SO THAT** HE COULD READ TOLSTOY.*
  - *HE DECIDED TO LEARN RUSSIAN **TO** READ TOLSTOY.*

- TO GIVE EXAMPLES:
  - ***FOR INSTANCE, / FOR EXAMPLE**, BY RUNNING, SWIMMING OR JOGGING THREE TIMES A WEEK YOUR HEALTH WILL BE BETTER.*
  - *BY TAKING REGULAR EXERCISE **SUCH AS / LIKE** RUNNING, SWIMMING OR JOGGING, YOUR HEALTH WILL BE BETTER.*

- TO SHOW RESULT / EFFECT / CONSEQUENCES:
  - *SHE WON A SCHOLARSHIP **SO, / CONSEQUENTLY, / AS A CONSEQUENCE, / AS A RESULT, FOR THIS REASON**, SHE WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE HER STUDIES.*

- TO SHOW TIME:
  - TURN OFF THE ALARM **WHEN** / **WHENEVER** / **BEFORE** / **AS SOON AS** THE BUZZER SOUNDS.
  - WE MET **AS** / **WHEN** I WAS CROSSING THE STREET.
  - I SAW HIM **WHILE** I WAS CROSSING THE STREET.
  - WE NEVER SEE EACH OTHER **NOW THAT** THEY'VE MOVED TO ANOTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- REMEMBER TO ADD A COMMA BEFORE SOME LINKING WORDS:
  - HE CAN SPEAK FRENCH, **AND** I CAN SPEAK CHINESE.
  - I DON'T LIKE GOING OUT, **BECAUSE** I PREFER STAYING IN.
  - HE IS VERY NICE, **BUT** HIS FAMILY ARE UNFRIENDLY.
  - **AFTER THAT**, IT STARTED TO RAIN.
  - WE CAN GO TO THE CINEMA, OR WE COULD GO TO THE PARK.
  - **SO**, WHAT DO YOU THINK?