

Level 3 Writing: Linking Words & Phrases for Paragraphs – Answers

Identify Linking Words and Phrases

Grab a highlighter, coloured pencil or pen, and highlight the linking words and phrases within the paragraph below:

The scorching hot sun beat down on the paving stones weaving through the garden. **As** the sun shone, the wind danced lazily through the top tendrils of the hollyhocks and sweetpeas. **As a result**, the wind carried a delicate perfume – the smell of summer. **While** nature played, the children frolicked by the small pond at the end of the garden. **However**, the frogs that lived in that pond were less-than-excited by the noise and disruption the children brought. **Nevertheless**, for everyone in the garden, it was a perfect summer's day.

Choose Linking Words and Phrases

For each of the purposes below, give an example of a linking word or phrase that could be used to suit that purpose:

1. To list ideas in order: *first/ly, second/ly, finally, eventually*
2. To give an example: *for example, such as, in particular*
3. To contrast points: *in contrast, however, instead, rather, but*
4. To compare points: *similarly, likewise, additionally, equally, in comparison*
5. To give a result: *therefore, as a result, consequently, hence, for this reason, thus*
6. To highlight a point: *in particular, mainly, specifically, for this reason, in this case*
7. To acknowledge a different point: *nevertheless, despite, although, however, rather, instead, regardless*

Understand Linking Words and Phrases

Answer the questions below to show your understanding of linking words and phrases:

1. Why should you use a linking word or phrase?

To link your ideas together and give signposts to your reader.

2. What is the effect of using linking words and phrases in your writing?

Your writing flows better and your meaning is clearer to your reader.

3. You can use a linking word or phrase *within* a paragraph or *between* paragraphs.