

Conjunctions and linking words I

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As conjunções e outras palavras e expressões que promovem ligação possibilitam a coerência e a coesão do texto.

and next because
moreover also
so then however
as well as but
furthermore later

ACRÉSCIMO

(Also, As well, Besides, Furthermore, Beyond that, Moreover);

Ex.: *The house is beautiful. Furthermore, it's in great location.*
(A casa é linda. Além disso está em ótima localização.)

Besides working, they also study.
(Além de trabalhar, eles também estudam.)

He is clever, and moreover, he is handsome.
(Ele é inteligente, e além disso, ele é bonito.)

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ALTERNÂNCIA / EXCLUSÃO

(either... Or, neither... nor, otherwise)

Ex.: *We can either eat now or after the show – it's up to you.*

(Podemos comer agora ou depois do show – depende de você.)

Neither my mother nor my father went to university.

(Nem minha mãe nem meu pai foram para a universidade.)

Phone home, otherwise your parents will start to worry.

(Telefone pra casa, caso contrário seus pais começarão a se preocupar.)

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CAUSA / EXPLICAÇÃO

(as, due to, now that, since)

Ex.: *As it was getting late, I decided to book into a hotel.*

(Como já estava ficando tarde, decidi me hospedar em um hotel.)

Due to wet leaves on the line, this train will arrive an hour late.

(Devido às folhas molhadas na linha, este trem chegará uma hora atrasado.)

She's enjoying the job now that she's got more responsibility.

(Ela está gostando do trabalho agora que tem mais responsabilidade.)

Since we've got a few minutes to wait for the train, let's have a cup of coffee.

(Como temos alguns minutos para esperar o trem, vamos tomar uma xícara de café.)

Causes of food shortages

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Environmental factors have greatly contributed to food shortage. Climatic change has reduced agricultural production. The change in climate is majorly caused by human activities and to some small extent natural activities. Increased combustion of fossil fuels due to increasing population through power plant, motor transport and mining of coal and oil emits green house gases which have continued to affect world climate. **Deforestation of tropical forest due to human pressure has changed climatic patterns and rainfall seasons**, and led to desertification which cannot support a crop production. Land degradation due to increased human activities has impacted negatively on agricultural production (Kamdor, 2007). Natural disasters such as floods, tropical storms and prolonged droughts are on the increase and have devastating impacts on food security particularly in developing countries. There are several economic factors that contribute to food shortage. Economic factors affect the ability of farmers to engage in agricultural production. Poverty situation in developing nations have reduced their capacity to produce food, as most farmers cannot afford seed and fertilizers. They use poor farming methods that cannot yield³ enough, even substantial use. Investments in agricultural research and developing are very low in developing nations. Recent global financial crisis have led to increase in food prices and reduced investments in agriculture by individuals and governments in developed nations resulting in reduced food production.

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COMPARAÇÃO

(correspondingly, in like manner, in the same way, likewise)

Ex.: *The cost of living in the city is more expensive, but salaries are supposed to be correspondingly higher.*

(O custo de vida na cidade é mais caro, mas os salários devem ser correspondentemente mais altos.)

Insects that I saw outside while camping didn't do anything to me; in like manner / in the same way, I didn't do any harm to them.

(Os insetos que vi do lado de fora durante o acampamento não fizeram nada comigo; da mesma forma / da mesma maneira, eu não os prejudiquei.)

Just water these plants twice a week, and likewise the ones in the bedroom.

(Apenas molhe essas plantas duas vezes por semana, e também as do quarto.)

Sustainable energy

Several factors go into making energy sustainable. The first is whether or not the current use of the energy is something which could potentially persist into the future, which leads many forms of renewable energy to qualify as sustainable. People can generate energy from windmills, waves, and the Sun without running out of energy and resources, making these methods sustainable for use by future generations. By contrast, fossil fuels are not treated as sustainable because the Earth's supplies of crude oil will eventually peter out.

Another consideration is energy efficiency. Some forms of renewable energy, for example, are sustainable in one sense, but researchers have yet to achieve a high level of energy efficiency, meaning that almost as much energy goes into the production of energy from these sources as the sources themselves generate. Energy efficiency can also be used to describe the technologies which use energy, such as homes, cars, and businesses. Increased efficiency in the way energy is used makes sustainable energy stretch further.

Many people also feel that environmental impact is another facet of sustainable energy, which is why sources like nuclear power are often not treated as sustainable. Although it meets the demands of renewability and energy efficiency, nuclear power can have a negative impact on the environment. Likewise, some of the methods used to produce solar panels, wind turbines, and other technology to convert renewable sources into energy are polluting, leading to concerns that such technology merely passes the pollution, making it unsustainable.

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