

## CONNECTORS AND MODIFIERS

### 1. Appearance and reality.

At first sight...  
But in fact...  
Apparently...but they are really/actually

The fact is that...  
As a matter of fact,...

### 2. Developing an argument (sequence)

First... In the first place...  
To begin with...  
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First of all...  
Second... Secondly...  
In the second place...  
In addition to that...  
Apart from that...  
Besides, ...  
Third...  
Finally...  
Lastly...  
Above all....

In conclusion...  
All in all...(with everything considered) e.g.  
All in all, I would say Peter and I had a very nice trip.  
All things considered... e.g. All things considered, we didn't do too badly.  
In the last resort... e.g. They would in the last resort support their friends whatever they did.  
In the last resort we shall have to turn to him for help. If this were not enough...  
On top of all this...  
To make matters worse.

### 3. Giving examples

For example...  
For instance...  
A case in point is...

### 4. Contrast

Although... e.g. Although his argument is interesting, it does not convince me.  
However, ...  
At the same time... e.g. At the same time, we didn't want to leave our parents.  
But...  
After all... e.g. After all, they didn't really have a choice  
In spite of + noun phrase/ -ing/ the fact that...  
Despite + noun phrase/ -ing/ the fact that...

### 5. Balance

On one hand...  
On the other hand...

### 6. Cause and effect

Because of... e.g. We were worried in the morning because of the weather, but the event was very lively.

Owing to... e.g. I couldn't attend, owing to illness  
Caused by...

Due to... e.g. The cancellation of the concert was due to the rain.	In consequence...
Consequently...	For this reason...
As a result...	For these reasons...
	For one reason or another...

## 7. Expressing personal opinion

For my part... e.g. For my part, I do not agree Personally...	To my mind... e.g. To my mind, their behaviour is unreasonable.
In my opinion...	As far as I am concerned... e.g. As far as I am concerned, that's very sound (reliable and sensible) advice; you should take it.
In my view...	
As I see it... e.g. As I see it, you have no choice.	

## 8. Modifying what is said or written

To agree In general...	Up to a point ! It is interesting up to a point.
As a rule.	To say that you are not very well informed
On the whole... e.g. On the whole it was a nice party.	As far as I know....
In the main e.g. It was an excellent speech in the main.	For all I know...e.g. For all I know, he's gone to France.
To agree to a certain extent	To the best of my knowledge... e.g. To the best of my knowledge, they arrive tomorrow.
In a way... e.g. You're right, in a way, but we have to consider the price.	To limit the argument
In a sense... e.g.	In these circumstances...e.g. In this circumstances, the next suitable day for me to have the personal interview is 30th October. At least...
In a sense our schools are the best in the state, but the test scores don't always show that. In some sense...e.g.	Things being as they are... e.g. Anyway, things being as they are these days, many states are either broke or getting close to it.
In some sense I agree with you, but not entirely	

## 9. Intensifying the statement

Clearly...  
 Obviously...  
 Of course...  
 Needless to say... As everyone knows... To point something out In particular...  
 Especially... Above all. Let alone. Not to mention. In other words. In any case...

## 10. Referring to someone or something

With regard to... e.g I spoke to him with regard to [as regards, in regard to, regarding] his future..  
 For that matter... e.g. For that matter I don't care either.  
 As for... e.g. As for this chair, there is nothing to do but throw it away.