

| Function | Suggested word or phrase |
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| Referring to the past | formerly, previously |
| Expanding on a point | besides, furthermore |
| Contrasting | on the other hand, conversely |
| Summarising | in short, in summary, by way of précis |
| Drawing a conclusion or inference | as a consequence, consequently, as a result |
| Giving an example | for instance, for example |
| Emphasising | in particular, especially, it should be stressed that |
| Qualifying | however, it should also be borne in mind that |
| Making a logical step in the argument | therefore, thus, it follows that in particular |
| Beginning | firstly, to begin with |
| Making an assumption | of course, naturally, clearly, evidently |
| Referring to a new issue | turning to, with reference to, with respect to, with regard to, regarding |
| Hypothesising | in the event that, if |
| Bearing a factor in mind | given that, bearing in mind that, considering that, |
| Stating an exemption | except, with the exception of, save for, save as to |