

# Connectives

## CONNECTIVES

Connectives join two separate ideas in two sentences or paragraphs

## EXPLANATION CONNECTIVES

**although** **as**  
**however** **while**  
**nevertheless** **yet**

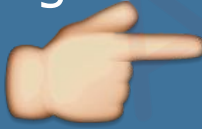
**because** **as**  
**therefore** **since**  
**consequently**

## Connecting Words

A2 – B1

Module 4

Here's What We  
Will Be Learning  
in this  
Presentation:



## Summary

- ❑ Meaning, usage and examples of Connecting words.
- ❑ Exercises.

# What are Connecting Words?

- ✓ Connecting words or connectives improve the style of talking and writing.
- ✓ They are used to join two clauses, phrases or sentences and show the relationship between them.

The relationship can show:

- 1. An addition**
- 2. A Contrast** or
- 3. Cause and effect**

## Usage

Sentence 1 + Connective(s) + Sentence 2

# Connectives Showing Addition

✓ We can show **addition** of two phrases or sentences using several connecting words.

✓ Some of those words are:

**and, not only...but also, as well as, in addition, additionally, moreover, also, furthermore, in addition to, etc.**

## ADDING TO IDEAS

- In addition
- Likewise
- Furthermore
- As well as this
- Also
- Moreover
- Too

## Examples of Connectives showing Addition:

1) Jack **and** Jill went up the hill.



2) He has a car **as well as** a motorbike.



3) Sia not only sings, but **also** plays the guitar.

4) The report is badly written. **Moreover**, it's incorrect.

5) Max is a good student. **In addition**, he plays sports brilliantly.

# Connectives Showing Contrast

- ✓ Sometimes, we link two ideas that are different from each other (for example, a positive idea and a negative idea).
- ✓ These ideas are called **contrasting** ideas.
- ✓ To express contrast, these words can be used:

**Although, but, even though, however, despite, in spite of, yet, whereas, on one hand.....but on the other hand, etc.**

## Contrasting Connectives

- whereas
- instead of
- alternatively
- otherwise
- unlike
- on the other hand



## Examples of Connectives Showing Contrast:

- 1) **In spite of** John's old age, he goes jogging every morning.
- 2) **Although** he's very nice, his classmates hate him.
- 3) It is sunny. **However**, temperatures are low.



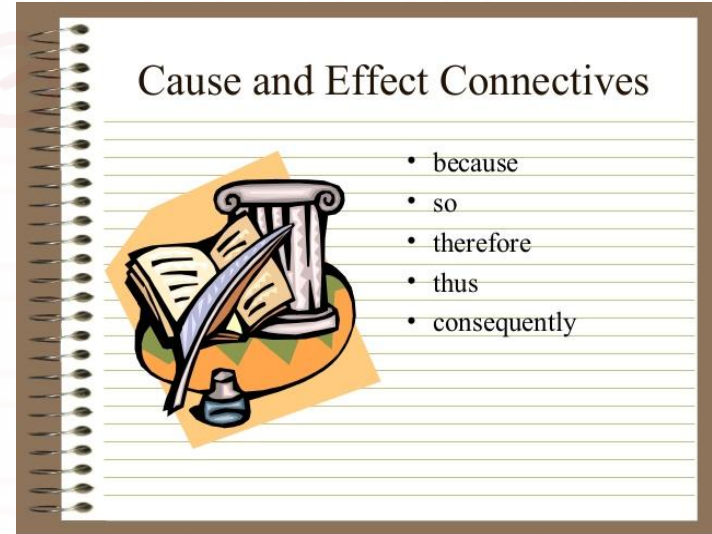
- 4) The watch was expensive, **but** Ron bought it.
- 5) **Even though** I am tired, I will go to the party.
- 6) Jane is shy and quiet, **whereas** her brother is talkative and naughty.



# Connectives Showing Cause and Effect

- ✓ Sometimes there is a need to link two sentences where one sentence is the **cause** and the second sentence is the **result or effect** of the first sentence.
- ✓ To express cause and effect, these words can be used:

**because, because of, due to, an effect, so, as a result, thus, therefore, since, as, hence, etc.**





## Examples of Connectives Showing Cause and Effect:

- 1) Ashley arrived late **because of** the bad traffic.
- 2) He arrived late **due to** the bad traffic.
- 3) I arrived late as **a result of** the bad traffic.



- 4) **As** it was raining, I had to stay at home.
- 5) It was raining, **so** we stayed at home.
- 6) Sam got up late. **Therefore**, he was late for work.



# Exercise 1:

**Fill in the blanks and rewrite the sentence with the correct connective from the options given:  
(but, in spite, even though, and, Moreover)**

1. Harry is good in sports \_\_\_\_\_ music.
2. The service at this restaurant is excellent. \_\_\_\_\_, the food is delicious.
3. Chris loves playing piano, \_\_\_\_\_ he's not very good at it.
4. I'd like to talk to you \_\_\_\_\_ I know you're busy.
5. We didn't win the game \_\_\_\_\_ of all our hard work.

# Exercise 2:

**Fill in the blanks with the correct connective from the options given and rewrite the sentence:  
(as, Therefore, so, since, due to)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ heavy rains, I arrived late for work today.
2. \_\_\_\_ he was new to this city, he didn't know where the mall was.
3. He was bored at home \_\_\_\_\_ he went out to play.
4. The kids didn't study. \_\_\_\_\_, they failed the exam.
5. I did not eat all of my dinner \_\_\_\_ I wasn't hungry.

# Exercise 3:

**Rewrite the following sentences using the connectives given in the brackets:**

1. I like ice-cream. I like chocolate. (and)
2. We live in the same building. We hardly see each other. (but)
3. That house isn't big enough for us. And it's too expensive. (Moreover)
4. She's extremely rich. She's not proud. (but)
5. What sports do you practice along with skating? (in addition to)

# Exercise 4:

Write your own sentence using the following connectives.

not only...but also

whereas

additionally

as well as

although

due to

therefore

however

since

hence