



# Connectives

Here are some one-word connectives.

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| and | but | when | because |
| so  | for | as   | though  |



Choose a different one of these connectives to link each of the paired sentences below. Remember: Connectives are words or phrases that link together different parts of a text. Connectives that link sentences, clauses, or parts of phrases are called conjunctions.

I fell over. I hurt my knee. ....

The game ended. The referee blew his whistle. ....

She couldn't ride her bike. It had a puncture. ....

I couldn't spell that word. I fetched the dictionary. ....

We arrived on time. The train was delayed. ....

Here are some words and phrases that can also be used as connectives.

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| also | however | this means | for example | as this |
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Fit the connectives above into the spaces in these three paragraphs.

Many kinds of words can be used to connect ideas in a piece of writing. F\_\_\_\_, c\_\_\_\_, p\_\_\_\_, a\_\_\_\_, and c\_\_\_\_ are all useful.

T\_\_\_\_ that we can make our writing more varied and more interesting to read. A\_\_\_\_, the words we choose can help us to make our meaning clearer to our readers.

H\_\_\_\_, we should try not to use too many of these connectives in a short piece. \_\_\_\_ can make our sentences long and confusing.