



# 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. For \_\_\_\_\_, pronouns, adverbs, and conjunctions are all useful.

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

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