



## Connectives

Here are some structural connectives.

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 *conjunctives*.

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 looked in the dictionary. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

also      however      this means      for example      as this

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 \_\_\_\_\_, conjunctions, prepositions, adverbs, and connectives are all useful.

For \_\_\_\_\_, however, it is important that we can make our writing more varied and more interesting to read. For \_\_\_\_\_, 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.