

Signal Words

Words that signal a category

Categories	Kinds	Sets	Species
Classes	Parts	Sorts	Type
Divisions			

Words that signal a cause or an effect

Causes	Were caused by	For that reason	Therefore
As	Effects	Hence	Thus
Because	Accordingly	Since	
Due to	As a result	So	
Given that	Consequently	Subsequently	

Words that signal comparison

Additionally	As well as	Furthermore	Resembling
Alike	Both	In common	Similar (similarly)
Also	Comparable	Like	Too
Analogous	Compared with	Moreover	
As good as	Equivalent	Related (to)	

Words that signal a conclusion

As a Result	Finally	In summation	So
Conclusively	Findings	Last of all	Therefore
Consequently	Hence	Lastly	Thus

Words that signal a continuation

Additionally	Further	Likewise	Similarly
Also	Furthermore	Moreover	In addition to

Words that signal contrasts

Although	Even though	Nothing like	Though
As opposed to	However	On the other hand	Unlike
Conversely	In spite of this	Otherwise	Yet
Different from	Instead of	Still	
Dissimilar	Nevertheless	Then again	

Words that signal emphasis

A key idea	Important to note	Namely	The crux of the matter
A main focus	It all boils down to	Of course	
A primary concern	Most of all	Remember that	
Above all	Most significantly	Should be noted	

Words that signal an exception

Even though	Instead of	Otherwise	The opposite
In contrast	On the other hand	Still	Though

Words that signal an illustration or example

By way of demonstration For example	To illustrate Particularly	Specifically	Such as
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Words that signal main idea

There are several reasons for	A major development	The critical point(s) is (are)	Remember that
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Words that signal the author is qualifying his thinking

Alleged Almost Assumed Except	Looks like Might Mostly Purported	Reported Seems like Some Sort of	Supposedly Was reported
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Words that signal a restatement or a definition

Also called Also known as	Also referred to as In other words	Sometimes called That is	That is to say
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Words that signal a sequence or chronology

After Always At last During First (second . . .)	Following Initially Later Next Preceding	Prior to Subsequently Since Then	Today (yesterday, tomorrow) While Without further delay
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Words that signal spatial proximity

About Across Adjacent Around	Between Bordering By Closest	Contiguous End-to-end Far Flanking	Near Neighboring Upon
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