

12 Using discourse markers

Discourse markers can be used to show a relationship between two sentences, or parts of a sentence. This can be cause, effect, emphasis, contrast, or comparison.

⚙️ **New language** Linking information

Aa **Vocabulary** Family history

🧩 **New skill** Talking about relationships

12.1 KEY LANGUAGE INFORMAL LINKING DISCOURSE MARKERS

Some discourse markers are mostly used in informal writing and speech.

TIP
To emphasize the relationship between words when speaking, you can add stress to the discourse marker.



I like listening to music, **but though** my mother hates it.

Shows contrast.



He's a talented swimmer, **like just as** his great-grandfather was.

Shows comparison.



Staying in touch is easy, **because since as** we all have smartphones.

Shows cause.



We grew up together, **so** we tell each other everything.
We are very close. **As a result**, we know everything about each other.

Shows effect.



All my siblings are tall, **especially particularly** my older sister.

Shows emphasis.





12.2 REWRITE THESE PAIRS OF SENTENCES USING THE DISCOURSE MARKERS TO CONNECT THEM

Julie likes her older brother. She doesn't see him very often. [but]

Julie likes her older brother, but she doesn't see him very often.

1 All my siblings love playing football. My brother loves it the most. [especially]

2 We are all quite interested in our family history. We've made a family tree. [so]

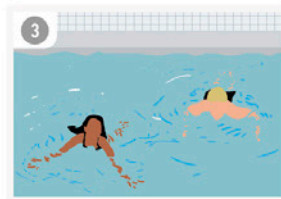
3 I love talking to my aunt. She has lots of interesting stories from her travels abroad. [because]

4 My grandmother thinks I should get married. I am not as traditional as she is. [but]

5 We don't have big family gatherings very often. My grandparents live abroad. [since]



12.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE PAIRS OF PICTURES



12.4 KEY LANGUAGE FORMAL LINKING DISCOURSE MARKERS

Some discourse markers are used most often in formal writing and speaking situations.



Shows contrast.

The castle was built in 1272, { **whereas**
yet } the town is modern.

Shows comparison.

His talk was popular and his book was { **similarly**
equally } well-liked.

Shows cause.

International video calls are popular { **due to**
owing to } global internet access.

Shows effect.

Many foreigners settled there. { **Hence**
Therefore }, the population is bilingual.

Shows emphasis.

He is known for his research, { **primarily**
notably } into royal families.



12.5 FILL IN THE GAPS USING FORMAL DISCOURSE MARKERS

James won many medals, notably one for bravery.

- ① Elizabeth had two children, _____ Mary had none.
- ② The two elderly sisters were _____ wealthy.
- ③ The father left the army _____ a serious arm injury.
- ④ James and Tom were identical twins. _____, they looked alike.





12.6 SAY EACH SENTENCE OUT LOUD, USING THE MOST APPROPRIATE DISCOURSE MARKER

I like sandwiches, ~~whereas~~ / **but** the rest of my family are big pizza fans.



1 You have failed to respond to our messages. **So** / **Hence**, your subscription has been canceled.



2 My friends say I take after my dad, **owing to** / **because** we both like mountain biking.



3 After a successful book tour, the professor's lectures were **equally** / **like** well-received.



4 I love my aunts, **notably** / **especially** Meera, because she's so funny.



12.7 READ THE ADVERTISEMENT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

It is less difficult to explore your family history than it used to be.

True ☒ False ☐

1 You have to go to the library to use the service.

True ☐ False ☐

2 J.W.'s great-grandfather died in battle.

True ☐ False ☐

3 N.H. enjoys socializing more than her parents.

True ☐ False ☐

4 The service has an annual \$20 fee.

True ☐ False ☐

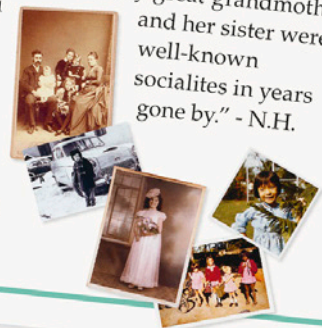
GENEALOGY OK

It has never been easier to research your family's history. Millions of family records, including births, deaths, marriages, as well as military and emigration records, are now available online. As a result, you can now find your ancestors from the comfort of your home. All of this and more can be discovered if you join our Genealogy OK club for only \$20 a month.

Here are two of our members' stories:
"I thought that all my family were pacifists, like me. It turns out that my

great-grandmother was a spy, and her young husband was a heroic soldier who died in combat." - J.W.

"I've always wondered where I get my party animal personality, since my mother and father are quite quiet. I've discovered that my great-grandmother and her sister were well-known socialites in years gone by." - N.H.



12 CHECKLIST



Linking information ☐

Aa Family history ☐



Talking about relationships ☐