

CONNECTORS

✗ Cause

- **because** + oració

e.g. I am happy because the sun is shining.
(*perquè*)

- **because of** + nom/Ving/the fact that...

e.g. I am happy because of the sun.
(*a causa de*)

- **as** + oració

- **since** + oració

- **for** + oració (very formal)

e.g. I am happy, as it is sunny today.

Since it was cloudy, we didn't go out.

e.g. Professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient, for their positions are at times rather stressful.

(*ja que, synonyms of 'because'*)

- **due to** + nom/Ving/the fact that...

- **owing to** + nom/Ving/the fact that...

- **as a result of** (very formal)

e.g. I'm happy due to/owing to the sunny weather.

e.g. Greater evaporation as a result of global warming could increase the risk of wildfires.

e.g. U2 Postpone Remaining Tour Dates Due To Family Illness (newspaper headline).

(*a causa de, synonyms of 'because of'*)

✗ Result

- **so / so that**

- **For this reason**

- **Consequently**

- **Then**

- **Thus**

- **Because of this**

- **That's why**

- **As a result**

- **Therefore**

- **In this way**

e.g. She studied hard. Therefore, she passed the exam.

She studied hard, so she passed the exam

e.g. High level positions are at times rather stressful; as a result, professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient.

(*per tant, com a conseqüència, per això*)

✗ Exemplification

- **for example**

- **for instance**

- **, including**

- **, such as**

- **e.g.**

e.g. I have read lots of books, including /such as Huck Finn, Robinson Crusoe and Dubliners.
(*tals com, com ara*)

e.g. He wrote, for example, an article on this topic in 1988.

✗ Conditions

- **if** we win, we'll go to Kelly's to celebrate!

- We won't go **unless** he arrives soon.

- **Even if** she studies hard, she won't pass the exam.

(Contrast)

- **In the case (that)** you need me, I'll be at Tom's.

- We'll give you your bicycle **only if /as long as/ providing (that) / provided (that)** you do well on your exams. (=if but to stress the condition for the result)

✗ Introduction of a topic

- **As for**

- **As regards**

- **With respect to**

- **Regarding**

- **In relation to**

- **As far as goes**

- **As far as.....is concerned**

e. g. As far as pollution is concerned,...

e.g. As for pollution,...

(*pel que fa a, en relació a*)

✖ Contrast and opposition

- **but** I studied but I didn't pass the exam.

- **although** + oració
- **though** + oració
- **even though** + oració/Ving
e.g. I didn't pass the exam although I had studied.
(*encara que*)(*pot anar seguit de gerundi i participi, també*)

- **in spite of** + nom/Ving/the fact that...
- **despite** + nom/Ving/the fact that...
e.g. I didn't pass the exam in spite of my effort / making an effort / the fact that I made an effort.
(*tot i, malgrat*)

- **whereas** + oració
- **while** + oració/Ving
- **whilst** + oració (very formal)
e.g. He is old, whereas Peter is young.
e.g. ... whilst in contrast the proportion had increased.
(*mentre que...*)

- **On the one hand.....on the other (hand)**
e.g. On the one hand the book is amusing (distret). On the other hand, it is rather long.
e.g. High level positions are stressful at times; on the other hand, the financial rewards make these positions very desirable indeed.
(*d'una banda....., però de l'altra*)
- **In/by contrast (to)** + nom/Ving
- **Contrary to** + nom/Ving
- **unlike** + nom/Ving
e.g. In contrast to other horror films, this one was quite amusing.
(*en contrast, a diferència de*)

- **Nevertheless**
- **However**
- **Still**
- **Yet**
- **Even so**
- **though** (at the end)
e.g. The shopping centre is surall. Nevertheless, I usually find everything I need there.
e.g. It is, however, difficult to identify. e.g. It is difficult to identify, though.
(*tanmateix*)

✖ Addition

- **and** e.g. High level positions are stressful at times, and can be harmful to your health.

- **Besides**
- **Moreover**, (more formal)
- **Furthermore**,
- **Additionally**,
- **In addition**,
- **also / Also**,
- **too**.
e.g. Let's go home. Its cold here. Besides, it's starting to rain.
e.g. High level positions are stressful at times; Moreover, they can be harmful to your health.
e.g. In addition, the new technology could have applications in homeland security
(*a més a més*)
---- **argumentative connectors** may be used. In fact, they could be in the same group.

- **In addition to** (this /noun/Ving) ,
- **As well (as)** (this /noun/Ving) ,
- **Along with** (this /noun/Ving) ,
- **Besides** (this/noun/Ving) ,
e.g. I have a car, as well as a motorbike.
I have a motorbike, as well.
e.g. Along with being stressful, high level positions can also be harmful to your health. (*a més de*)

- **Not only.....but also**
e.g. He is not only handsome but also intelligent.
e.g. Not only are high level positions stressful at times, but they also can be harmful to your health.
*The subject after **but also** is usually omitted if **but** and **also** remain together, and the subject is the same for both clauses (parts) of the sentence.

✖ Argumentation

- **In the first place,**
- **Firstly,**
- **First of all,**
- **To begin with,**
- **To start with,**
- **At first sight,**

e.g. At first sight, this may seem a reason to refuse this theory.
e.g. First of all, why isn't our own government responsible for protecting our ports?

- **Secondly,**
- **In the second place,**
- **Thirdly,**
- **Apart from that,**
- **On top of** that, /what...
e.g. And on top of that there is the legacy. How do I bring forward all the things I've already created?
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- **Finally,**
- **In conclusion,**
- **In brief,**
- **To summarize,**
- **Last but not least,**
- **After all,**
- **Anyway, Anyway, In any case,**

- **Lastly,**
- **In short,**
- **To sum up,**
- **To Conclude,**

e.g. Lastly, I will discuss family values.
(per últim, però no per això menys important)
e.g. "he is our president, after all "
e.g. Anyway, there is another factor to consider.

✖ Opinion

- **In my opinion,**
- **As I see it,**
- **In my view,**
- **From my point of view,**
- **As far as I am concerned,** *(pel que fa a mi)*

- A note on **According to**

typical mistakes: *According to me, this rent's too high
* According to his opinion, the Socialists are going to win

We use 'according to' when we want to say that our information comes from another person, book, etc.

e.g. According to Joan, her boss is a real tyrant
According to the timetable, the train gets in at 8.27

'according to' is not generally used with the words like 'view' or 'opinion'. We say 'in the Government's view', 'in his opinion', etc.

from Practical English Usage, by Michael Swan

✖ Clarification and rephrasal

- **I mean** *(vull dir)*
- **to put it in a different way**
- **Well**
- **In other words**
- **i.e.**
- **That is (to say)** *(és a dir)*
e. g. Pollution is a danger, that is, it may cause problems.
- **or rather** *(o més aviat)*
e.g. So is the president unable – or rather unwilling to stop terrorism?

✖ Comparison

High level positions are stressful, **and** can be harmful to your health **too**.

Just as high level positions are stressful, they can be harmful to your health.

High level positions are stressful at times; **similarly**, they can be harmful to your health.

Similar to other important professions, high level business positions are stressful at times.

What do these people believe **in comparison to** budhists?

- **Both** *(tots dos, ambdós)* / - **alike** (=equally)
e.g. They are **both** interesting.
e.g. Parents and teachers **alike** demanded reforms

✘ Time

after, afterwards, before, when, meanwhile, while, in the meantime, as, by the time (that), soon, as soon as, since, during, for, until, whenever, the first time (that), the next time (that), the last time (that), every time (that), after a while, after that, until, previously, immediately, last, at last, lately, eventually, finally, at first, first, second, third, in the future, in the past, next, now, currently, nowadays, at present time, for, during, just, yet, already, etc.
(molts no són connectors textuais)

✘ Expression of Finality Purpose clauses

structure 1

To
So as to + **Infinitive Verb**
In order to
(*per/per tal de*)

e.g. I study *to* pass the exam
so as to
in order to

NEGATIVE: NOT + TO

e.g. I study *not to* fail the exam
so as not to
in order not to

structure 2

So that
In order that + **S V C (oració)**
(*perquè / per tal que*)

e.g. I study *so that* I pass the exam
in order that

NEGATIVE: WRITE THE VERB IN THE NEGATIVE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUXILIARY VERB.

e.g. I study *so that* I don't fail the exam
in order that

e.g. I studied *so that* I didn't fail the exam
in order that

✘ Modification, emphasis, agreeing and disagreeing

- **at least** (*al menys*)
e.g. At least ten people died.

- **generally**
- **in general**
- **commonly**
- **on the whole**
- **essentially**
- **basically**
- **in essence**
- **above all**
- **especially**
- **in particular**
- **more or less**
- **in this case**
- **in fact**
- **actually**
- **really**
- **the fact is that**
- **the truth is that**
- **as a matter of fact**
- **theoretically**
- **in practice**
- **of course**
- **obviously**
- **definitely**
- **surely**
- **certainly**
- **extremely**
- **absolutely**
- **surprisingly**
- **no doubt**
- **without doubt**
- **undoubtedly**
- **doubtless**