

LINK WORDS

All your pieces of written work, regardless of the type of texts required, **MUST** be **STRUCTURED**. As part of the markscheme for paper 2, the B criteria (*cultural interaction*) take this requirement into account.

Link words cannot just simply be used anywhere and anyhow: Some will prove to be useful tools for chronologically building an account or a story. Others will help you create suspense or will help you express the cause and / or consequences of actions etc....

Below is a list of these all important link words. Learn them and use them well! Try and avoid always using the same ones. Vary them and pay attention to the nuances they bring to the meaning of your sentences.

Note that they are in no particular order.

Bear in mind that this list is far from being exhaustive. Remember as well, that some work better in formal contexts than others and that most can be put at different places in your sentences.

| CHRONOLOGY / TIME | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| D'abord | First / firstly |
| Tout d'abord | First of all |
| après | after |
| avant | before |
| En premier lieu / en second lieu | Firstly / secondly |
| ensuite | afterwards / then |
| puis | Then |
| enfin | At last |
| Dans un premier temps | In the first instance |
| En dernier lieu | Finally |
| Pour commencer | To start |
| Pour finir | To finish |
| Pour conclure / en conclusion | To conclude |
| Plus tôt / plus tard | Earlier / later |
| désormais | from now on |
| maintenant | now |
| à présent | nowadays |
| C'est au moment où... | This is the time when... |
| C'est à ce moment (précis) que ... | This is at that (precise) moment que |
| C'est alors que ... | This is when... |
| dès que... | as soon as |
| aussitôt que... | as soon as |
| Autrefois / jadis | A long time ago |
| Depuis | Since |
| Au cours de / pendant | During |
| soudain | suddenly |
| Tout à coup | All of a sudden |

| PRESENTATION OF ARGUMENTS / POINTS OF VIEW | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| cependant | however |
| toutefois | however |
| néanmoins | however |
| D'une partd'autre part | On one side...on the other side |
| Par ailleurs | Besides |
| De plus | Moreover |
| Bien que + subjunctive | Although |
| En outre | Moreover |
| mais | but |
| aussi | as well / equally |
| également | equally |
| non seulement.... | not only |

| ILLUSTRATION OF ARGUMENTS / POINTS OF VIEW | |
|---|----------------|
| en effet | indeed |
| ainsi | thus |
| par exemple | for example |
| parce que | because |
| notamment | notably |
| soit ... | thus |
| donc | therefore |
| c'est-à-dire | That is to say |
| en d'autres termes | In other words |

| CAUSE | |
|---|---------------------------|
| parce que | because |
| puisque | because / as |
| car | because |
| en effet | indeed |
| à cause de... | because of |
| Comme | As |
| c'est la raison pour laquelle... | this is the reason why... |
| d'autant plus que... | all the more than... |
| pour avoir / être + <i>past participle</i> | In order to have..... |

| CONSEQUENCE | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| par conséquent | As a result |
| donc | therefore |
| ainsi | thus |
| alors | then |
| du coup (<i>fam.</i>) | as a result |
| dé ce fait | as a result |
| de sorte que + <i>subjunctive</i> | as a result |
| si bien que + <i>subjunctive</i> | as a consequence |

| AIM / GOAL | |
|---|-----------------------|
| pour + <i>infinitive</i> | in order to |
| pour que + <i>subjunctive</i> | so that |
| dans le but de | with the intention of |
| afin de | so that |
| afin que + <i>subjunctive</i> | So that |
| en vue de + <i>infinitive</i> | with a view to |
| de manière à | so |
| de manière à ce que + <i>subjunctive</i> | so that |
| de façon à | so that |
| de façon à ce que + <i>subjunctive</i> | so that |

| Making REFERENCES / GIVING OPINIONS | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| à mon avis | in my opinion |
| selon | according to |
| en ce qui concerne.... | as far as...is concerned |
| à ce sujet / à ce propos | on this topic |
| d'après | according to... |
| à cet égard | in that respect |
| dans le contexte / le domaine de ... | in the context of... |
| dans ce cas.. | in this case |
| à ce niveau | at this level |
| à l'échelle de | at this level |
| dans cette optique, | In this vein, |
| en tant que | as / in my capacity as |
| dans le cadre de | in the context of |

| COMPARISON | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| comme | as |
| plus / moins / autant / aussi que | more / less / as much / as many as |
| semblable à / similaire à / identique à pareil à | similar to |

| CONCLUSION | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| (en) Bref (<i>oral</i>) | In brief |
| en un mot (<i>oral</i>) | in a word |
| en conclusion | In conclusion |
| pour conclure | To conclude |
| en somme | overall |
| somme toute | overall / all in all |
| en résumé | to summarise |

| A few more | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| grâce à | thanks to |
| sous prétexte que | under the pretext that |
| à condition que | on condition that |
| étant donné que | given that |
| malgré / malgré que | despite |