



Connect Your Ideas

Linking words for opinion writing



Today's Goal

I can use linking words to connect my opinion to my reasons.

Today we're learning special words that make your writing stronger and easier to understand!

What are linking words?

Linking words are like **bridges** that connect your ideas together. They help your reader understand *how* your ideas are related.

Opinion



Reason



Why do linking words matter?

BEFORE

"I think recess should be longer. Kids need time to play."

AFTER

"I think recess should be longer because kids need time to play."

Which one sounds stronger? Why?

Examples of Linking Words

TO GIVE A REASON

- because
- since
- so

TO GIVE ANOTHER REASON

- also
- another reason
- in addition

TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE

- for example
- for instance

TO WRAP UP

- therefore
- this is why





Let's Practice Together!



Practice #1

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B) Therefore

C) For example

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Practice #2

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Watch out! Common Mistakes

Don't repeat the same word:

"I like summer because it's warm.
I like summer because I can
swim. I like summer because
there's no school."

This gets boring!

Mix it up:

"I like summer because it's warm.
Also, I can swim every day.
Another reason is there's no
school!"

That sounds much better.



Ready for a challenge?



Your Turn: Before & After Challenge

With a partner, combine these choppy sentences using a linking word.

1. "Homework is helpful. It helps us practice what we learned."

2. "Cats make great pets. They are quiet and independent."

3. "We should recycle. It helps protect the Earth."

Now, it's your turn!

Time to practice using linking words in your own opinion sentences.

1 Match linking words

2 Write your own sentences

