

Using the right connectives...

Opposition

- however
- nevertheless
- on the other hand
- but
- instead
- in contrast
- looking at it another way
- although
- the main reasons against
- some people do not believe
- for instance
- the evidence for this suggests
- disagree
- whereas
- as long as

but...

Reinforcing/ in addition

- besides
- anyway
- after all
- many people believe
- this is an important issue because
- one reason is
- furthermore
- also
- moreover
- in addition
- a further point
- claim that...

and...

Explaining/ listing

- for example
- in other words
- for instance
- first of all
- finally
- in conclusion
- after much thought
- the main reason for this
- in the end we decided
- I believe that

so...

Cause and effect

- therefore
- consequently
- as a result
- thanks to this
- because of this
- this causes
- so
- the reason that
- this results in
- when

because...

Time

Prior (at the beginning):

- at first
- before
- in the beginning
- until then
- up to that time
- firstly

Following (afterwards):

- just then
- next
- in due course
- in the end
- after that
- later
- finally
- eventually
- a month later

Parallel (at same time):

- in the mean time
- simultaneously
- concurrently
- meanwhile

then...