

Logical chains of reasoning

Linking words are the key ingredient to developing logical chains of reasoning, important in analysis and evaluation. Linking or transition words connect clauses, sentences, paragraphs and most importantly ideas together.

→ convey the intended meaning more clearly and effectively	→ critical in economic writing because economics involves causes and effects that are linked in a sequence that shows economic logic
→ Examples include these categories: <i>Addition; compare, emphasis, contrast, conclusion, example, condition, sequence, reason, result, restatement and choice.</i>	→ for example, the sequence may involve time, but mostly economists focus on the most important or significant elements.

Linking words are used to add new ideas (furthermore, in addition) and others show contrasts (however) or a condition (unless, while).

Adding the right transition in the right place is a tool to:

- extend and add depth and reasoning to a response
- identify missing elements
- helps to avoid jumping to a point, without showing its relevance or how it was arrived at.

To find out more, [google chains of reasoning economics](#).

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Addition	Compare	Emphasis	Contrast	Conclusion
In addition	In comparison	In particular	In contrast to	To conclude
Further	Just as	Importantly	In spite of	In brief
And then	Similarly	In fact	Alternatively	As shown above
Another	Likewise	Especially	Despite	So
Also	On the contrary	Above all	Whereas	Therefore
As well as	Instead of	Significantly	Although	On the whole
Besides	Unlike	Even	But	To sum up
Furthermore	On the other hand	Without a doubt	However	Overall
Sequence	Reason	Clarification	Result	Time order
First/firstly	For	I mean	As a result	In the beginning
Second	Due to	To simplify	Thus	Then
Afterward	In order to	To be clear	Hence	Later
Initially	So that	Let me explain	Eventually	Meanwhile
Before	With the aim of	More precisely	Accordingly	At the same time
Previously	For this reason	In other words	Consequently	During
Finally	Owing to	In explanation	Such that	Before
Subsequently	Because	To clearly define	Therefore	After
Example	Condition	Restatement	Choice	Generalizing
For example	If	In short	Either...or	In general
For instance	Unless	To rephrase	Whether...or	In most cases
Such as	Even if	In a nutshell	Alternatively	Universally
To illustrate	Only if	In simple terms	Or	Overall
Like	Because of	I mean	Rather	Generally speaking
As a sample	While	Expressed simply	Choose either	By and large
As revealed by	Except if	That is to say	Preferably...or	Broadly
To exemplify	In that case	Otherwise	In either case	Without exception