

1 Transitions by Function الروابط حسب الوظيفة

Function	Linkers
Addition & progression الإضافة والتسلسل	also · moreover · furthermore · in addition · besides this · what is more · above all
Contrast & concession المقابلة والاعتراض	however · nevertheless · nonetheless · on the other hand · whereas · while · although · despite + noun · in spite of + noun · conversely · yet · even so
Cause & effect السبب والنتيجة	because / since + clause · due to / owing to + noun · therefore · consequently · as a result · thus · hence · accordingly · this leads to · stems from
Exemplification التمثيل والتوضيح	for instance · for example · such as · to illustrate · namely · particularly · in particular · a case in point
Sequence & ordering الترتيب	first(ly) · subsequently · meanwhile · prior to · thereafter · finally · lastly · at length
Conclusion الخاتمة	in conclusion · to conclude · overall · on balance · taking everything into account · ultimately

Don't stack linkers: use ONE per sentence. “However, therefore” in the same sentence is redundant. And never start two consecutive sentences with the same linker.

2 Sentence Bridges (mid-sentence)

روابط داخل الجملة

Result: which led to · resulting in · thereby · so...that

Concession: even though · granted that · admittedly · while it is true that

Condition: provided that · unless · as long as · in the event that

Purpose: so as to · in order to · with a view to + V-ing

Reference: the former / the latter · such measures · this approach · aforementioned

3 Strong Verbs for Analysis أفعال التحليل

argues / asserts	a clear claim	<i>The author asserts that social media reshaped reading habits.</i>
suggests / implies	an inference	<i>The data implies a wider gap in reading ability.</i>
underscores / highlights	importance	<i>This underscores the need for earlier intervention.</i>
illustrates / exemplifies	a concrete case	<i>Fig. 2 illustrates the sharp rise in enrolment.</i>
undermines / contradicts	weakens a claim	<i>The second study contradicts the first finding.</i>
facilitates / enables	makes possible	<i>Feedback facilitates measurable improvement.</i>
posits / contends	puts forward a theory	<i>He posits that assessment shapes learning.</i>
delineates / delineates	describes in detail	<i>The passage delineates three phases of change.</i>

Use present tense for what a text “does”: The author *argues*..., the study *suggests*... — not “argued”.

4 Weak → Strong Upgrades ترقية المفردات

Weak	Stronger	Example
says / shows	asserts · demonstrates · illustrates	<i>The chart demonstrates a steady decline.</i>
gets / gets better	obtains · improves · accelerates	<i>Results improved substantially.</i>
a lot of	numerous · substantial · considerable	<i>a substantial proportion of students</i>
big / small	significant · considerable · marginal · modest	<i>a marginal increase</i>
helps	facilitates · enables · underpins	<i>Practice facilitates fluency.</i>
think	argues · contends · maintains	<i>The writer maintains that...</i>
good / bad	effective · detrimental · adverse · robust	<i>a detrimental effect on sleep</i>
thing / stuff	factor · aspect · element	<i>the key factor behind the decline</i>
very	markedly · notably · remarkably (or delete)	<i>a remarkably steady trend</i>
about	approximately · regarding · concerning	<i>approximately 60% of respondents</i>

5 IELTS Task 1: Data-Change Verbs

أفعال وصف البيانات

Trend	Verbs & adverbs
Up ارتفاع	rose · increased · climbed · surged · soared · grew
Down انخفاض	fell · declined · dropped · decreased · plummeted · contracted
Steady ثبات	remained stable · levelled off · plateaued · stayed constant
Change تغير	fluctuated · peaked (at) · reached a low · doubled · halved
Degree الدرجة	sharply · dramatically · steadily · slightly · marginally · considerably

Patterns: “Sales **surged from** 12% **to** 40%”, “figures **peaked at** 6 million”, “a **threefold** increase”.

6 Precision Adjectives صفات دقيقة

ubiquitous	found everywhere (smartphones are ubiquitous)
detrimental	harmful (detrimental to concentration)
viable	workable, feasible (a viable solution)
profound	very deep or serious (profound impact)
compelling	persuasive, convincing (compelling evidence)
prevailing	most common at present (the prevailing view)
sustainable	able to continue long-term
inequitable	unfair (an inequitable system)

7 Precision Adverbs ظروف دقيقة

predominantly	mainly (spoken predominantly in cities)
inadvertently	without meaning to
meticulously	with great care (meticulously planned)
substantially	to a large degree
arguably	it can be argued that
notably	in a way worth noticing

8 Academic Collocations المتلازمات اللفظية

Verb + noun	conduct research · raise awareness · reach a consensus · pose a challenge · adopt a policy · play a pivotal role
Adjective + noun	compelling evidence · viable alternative · detrimental effect · substantial decline · pertinent question · profound implication
Adverb + adjective	widely accepted · highly effective · deeply rooted · closely related · starkly different · utterly convinced

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9 Common Confusables كلمات متشابهة شائعة

affect (verb) / effect (noun)	<i>The change affected sales · The effect was immediate</i>
fewer + countable / less + uncountable	<i>fewer cars · less traffic</i>
advise (verb) / advice (noun)	<i>I advise you · I gave her advice</i>
principal (main) / principle (rule)	<i>the principal reason · a matter of principle</i>
among (3+) / between (2)	<i>among the students · between the two options</i>
lose (verb) / loose (adj.)	<i>don't lose the key · a loose screw</i>
its (possessive) / it's (it is/has)	<i>its value rose · it's essential</i>
comprise / consist of	<i>the course comprises 6 units · consists of 6 units</i>
rise (intransitive) / raise (transitive)	<i>prices rose · they raised prices</i>
electric / electronic	<i>an electric guitar · an electronic device</i>

10 Formal ↔ Informal Swaps

من غير الرسمي إلى الرسمي

a lot of	a great deal of / numerous
kids	children / young people
get worse	deteriorate
find out	determine / discover
show up	appear / emerge
put up with	tolerate / endure
ask for help	request assistance
good at	proficient in / adept at
check out	examine / review
deal with	address / tackle

Keep contractions (don't, can't) OUT of essays and reports; they belong in informal letters only (IGCSE ESL Exercise 1).

11 Hedging & Balanced Claims التوازن والحذر اللغوي

- Instead of “Social media destroys reading”, write “There is growing evidence that social media may erode sustained reading habits.”
- Useful hedges: may · tends to · is likely to · appears to · in many cases · to some extent · arguably
- Balance: acknowledge the other side — “While cost remains a concern, the long-term benefits outweigh...”

12 Writing-Flow Golden Rules قواعد سلاسة الكتابة

- One idea per paragraph; open it with a transition that signals the logic (contrast, cause, addition).
- Link sentences back: “This suggests...”, “Such measures...”, “Consequently...”. Do not repeat the same connector twice in a row.
- Vary sentence length: mix one short, direct sentence with longer subordinated ones.
- In IELTS, Coherence & Cohesion + Lexical Resource = 50% of your Writing band — connectors and vocabulary pay directly.
- In Digital SAT, Transitions questions test exactly this skill: read the sentence BEFORE and AFTER the blank, then choose the logical bridge.



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