

Connectors

Once you have mastered the basics of correct usage in written English, you will want to express yourself in increasingly complex ways. One of the best ways to improve your writing style is to use sentence connectors. They are used to express relationships between ideas and to combine sentences. The use of these connectors will add sophistication to your writing style.

Opposition

Type of Connector	Connector(s)	Examples
Coordinating conjunction	but	<i>High level positions are stressful at times, but professionals can learn to manage their stress levels.</i>
Subordinating conjunctions	although, despite the fact that	<i>Despite the fact that high level positions are stressful at times, professionals can learn to manage their stress levels.</i>
Conjunctive adverbs	however, nevertheless	<i>High level positions are stressful at times; nevertheless, professionals can learn to manage their stress levels.</i>
Prepositional phrases	despite, in spite of	<i>In spite of the stressful nature of high level positions, professionals can learn to manage their stress levels.</i>

Addition

Type of Connector	Connector(s)	Examples
Coordinating Conjunction	and	<i>High level positions are stressful at times, and can be harmful to your health.</i>
Conjunctive adverbs	in addition, additionally, furthermore, moreover, also	<i>High level positions are stressful at times; furthermore, they can be harmful to your health</i>
Correlative conjunctions	not only...but also	<i>Not only are high level positions stressful at times, but they also can be harmful to your health.</i>
Prepositional phrases	in addition to, along with, as well as	<i>Along with being stressful, high level positions can also be harmful to your health.</i>

Cause and effect

Type of Connector	Connector(s)	Examples
Coordinating conjunctions	for (cause), so (effect)	<i>Professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient, for their positions are at times rather stressful.</i>
Subordinating conjunctions	because, since	<i>Since high level positions are at times rather stressful, professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient.</i>
Conjunctive adverbs	therefore, as a result, consequently	<i>High level positions are at times rather stressful; therefore, professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient.</i>
Prepositions	because of, due to, as a result of	<i>Due to the stressful nature of high level positions, professionals can sometimes be extremely impatient.</i>

Comparison

Type of Connector	Connector(s)	Examples
Coordinating Conjunction	and...too	<i>High level positions are stressful, and can be harmful to your health too.</i>
Subordinating conjunction	just as	<i>Just as high level positions are stressful, they can be harmful to your health.</i>
Conjunctive adverbs	similarly, in comparison	<i>High level positions are stressful at times; similarly, they can be harmful to your health.</i>
Prepositions	like, similar to	<i>Similar to other important professions, high level business positions are stressful at times.</i>

Condition

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Subordinating conjunctions	if, unless, only if, even if	<i>If you consider the financial rewards of high level positions, the stressful nature of these positions becomes less important.</i>
Conjunctive adverb	otherwise	<i>You should remember the financial rewards of high level positions; otherwise, you might find the stressful nature of these positions too demanding.</i>