

LES MOTS DE LIAISON (LINK-WORDS)

Les mots de liaison permettent de structurer l'expression écrite et orale. Ils clarifient le lien entre les idées, et sont le reflet d'une pensée structurée.

Cependant, ils sont moins utilisés en anglais qu'en français, alors n'en abusez pas!

AJOUT D'UNE IDÉE

- **Furthermore; moreover; what's more; in addition; besides:** En outre, de plus, du reste, d'autre part, par ailleurs, qui plus est
Kevin scores an average of 36 points per game. **In addition**, he is a good defender.
Victoria is a great actress. **Besides**, she is a talented screenplay writer.
- **Besides; in addition to (+N / + V-ing):** En plus de
I met only three people **besides** John.
In addition to herbs, fruits and vegetables, my garden house is a dazzling variety of flowers.

BUT

- **To, in order (not) to, so as (not) to:** pour (ne pas), afin de (ne pas), de façon à (ne pas)
I came **to** see you.
He whispered **so as not to** wake his brother.
- **So (that):** pour que, de façon que
How do you throw a boomerang **so that** it comes back?

CAUSE

- **As:** come
As he was late, he decided to take a taxi.
- **Because:** parce que
I felt safe **because** I knew he was there.
- **Because of, due to, owing to:** à cause de, en raison de
Johnson did not play **because of** a pain in the wrist.
America's Cup racing was cancelled **due to** lack of wind.
- **For:** car
She was very proud, **for** she had done well at school.
- **For (doing sth / having done sth):** pour faire/ avoir fait qqch
He was fired **for** arriving late.
- **Since:** puisque
Since she's half Italian, she will have no problem translating this text.

COMPARAISON

- **As:** comme
The pupil did **as** his teacher told him.
Do **as** I say, not **as** I do.
- **As if; as though:** comme si
Live every day **as if** it were your last.
Deena looked at me **as though** she was reading my mind.

- **Similarly:** de même
Students are supposed to arrive on time. **Similarly**, teachers must be on time too.

CONDITION (POSITIVE OU NÉGATIVE)

- **As long as; so long as; provided (that); providing (that); on condition that:** pourvu que, tant que, à condition que, du moment que
You can copy your CDs, **as/so long as** it's for personal use.
You can cross the desert, **provided (that)** you take enough water.
You will be freed from jail, **on condition that** you leave the country.
- **If:** si
If you keep trying, you will succeed.
- **Even if; even though:** même si
Even though/if you kick me out, I will stay.
- **Or else; otherwise; if + not:** sinon
Pay up, **or else!**
Don't drink before you drive, **or else** you might endanger many human lives.
Apologise to her now. **If you don't**, she'll never forgive you.
- **Unless:** à moins que
Michael won't eat vegetables **unless** I threaten him.
Unless you stop smoking, you will have lung problems.

CONSÉQUENCE

- **Consequently; as a consequence; as a result:** par conséquent
Ireland suffered a disastrous famine in the 1840s. **Consequently**, many people fled abroad.
- **So:** donc
She doesn't have a car, **so** she has to take the bus.
- **So that:** si bien que, de sorte que
There has been a wave of Jamaican migration to Canada, **so that now** there is a sizable Jamaican community in Toronto.
- **That's why:** c'est pourquoi
I've been working very hard, **that's why** I'm sure I will succeed.
- **Therefore:** par conséquent
Priests should be impartial to all. **Therefore**, they must steer clear of politics.
- **Thus:** ainsi, de cette façon
The president should resign, **thus** preventing a rebellion.

CONTRASTE, OPPOSITION

- **On the contrary:** au contraire
The war did not put an end to corruption. **On the contrary**, it exacerbated it.

- **Otherwise:** à part cela, par ailleurs, autrement, sinon
The suspect confirmed his age and name, **but otherwise** did not speak during the hearing.
- **Unlike:** à la différence de
Unlike many other companies, QLogic has managed to remain profitable.
- **Contrary to:** contrairement à
Contrary to popular belief, people don't buy less gas when prices are expensive but rather shop around.
- **Whereas; while:** alors que, tandis que
Europe likes multilateral arrangements, **whereas** America prefers to go it alone.

SUPPOSITION, HYPOTHÈSE

- **If:** si
If you go to the party, you will see me.
If you went to the party, you would see me.
If you had been there, you would have seen me.
- **In case:** au cas où
See where the exits are **in case** you have to get out.
- **Suppose (= supposing):** en supposant que
Suppose you threw a party and nobody came. What would you do?
- **Whether (... or):** si
The police are unsure **whether** the accident was weather-related (or not).

CONCESSION / RESTRICTION

- **Although; though; while:** bien que, quoique
Although / Though he was often arrested, he was never jailed.
While I know he's wrong, I don't want to contradict him.
- **Even if; even though; in spite of the fact that:** même si, bien que, en dépit du fait que
He told her the truth, **even though/if** he knew she would be upset.
- **Despite (= in spite of):** malgré, en dépit de
The airport stayed open **in spite of / despite** the snow.
- **adj + as ...; adj + though ...; however + adj:** bien que, si... que
Rich **as/though** he may be / **However** rich he may be, he cannot afford this diamond.
- **All the same:** malgré cela, malgré tout
I don't agree, but it is your decision **all the same**.
Los Angeles is polluted. **All the same**, it does have its charms.
- **Anyway; anyhow:** de toute façon
She told me not to call her, but I'll do it **anyway**.
- **However, still, (and) yet, nevertheless (= nonetheless):** pourtant, cependant, néanmoins
Everybody seemed to agree. Hazel, **however**, later told me I was wrong.
He was the best player. **And yet**, he lost the game.

- **Though:** pourtant (souvent en fin de phrase)
He was angry. He did say thank you, **though**.
This road is not dangerous. I would advise you, **though**, to drive carefully.
- **Ever; no matter what / who / where / when:** (peu importe) quoi/ qui/ où/ quand
Whatever you did and **whoever** you are, a lawyer will defend you.
He goes **wherever** he wants, **wherever** he wants to.

TEMPS

- **As:** alors que, au moment où
As I was talking to him, he laughed at me.
- **As soon as:** dès que
I'll call you **as soon as** I receive your letter.
- **For:** depuis, pendant
The motorway was closed **for** two hours yesterday.
- **Meanwhile / (in the) meantime:** pendant ce temps
The doctor will see you next week. **In the meantime**, I want you to stay in bed.
- **Once:** une fois que, à partir du moment où
Once you get used to running 5 miles a day, it's not a big deal.
- **Since:** depuis
It's been 10 years **since** I first came here.
- **Until (= till):** jusqu'à (ce que), (nég.) avant
I'll wait **till** Saturday.
I won't be home **until** tonight.
- **When:** Quand
I'll call you **when** I get there.
- **While:** Pendant que
Somebody called **while** you were away.
- **While; as long as:** tant que
While / As long as there's life, there's hope.
- **Yet:** (interrogatif) déjà ; (négatif) encore
In the car, the kids kept asking: "Mummy, are we there **yet**?"
My work is **not** finished **yet**, but I'm quite happy with it.

Remarque : Repérez les mots ayant plusieurs sens afin de les utiliser et de les reconnaître plus facilement. Parmi ces mots, notez ceux qui ont à la fois un sens temporel et un sens logique.

	Temporel	Logique
since	depuis	puisque
then	alors	alors
for	pendant/depuis	car
yet	déjà	cependant
while	pendant que	alors que
as	alors que	comme