

06 - VOCABULARY: A LIST OF LINKERS



talking about the present time

- 1. These days, computers are available in most public schools and libraries.
- 2. Nowadays, women get heart attacks almost as often as men do.
- 3. In this day and age, technology is present in every facet of our life.
- 4. **Currently,** the economy is strong.
- 5. At the present time, the President is facing political difficulties.

talking about the historic past

- 6. **A long time ago,** there were no computers in schools.
- 7. In the past, people went to the river to get drinking water.
- 8. Formerly, slaves did much of the work in this country.
- 9. In the old days, kings and princes ruled people's lives.

giving additional examples and reasons

- 10. He's too weak to do heavy labor. **In addition,** his memory is failing him.
- 11. I think he's a boring teacher. What's more, he doesn't know his subject.
- 12. I don't have time to read Shakespeare. **Besides,** I don't understand him.
- 13. She's always late for work. **Besides this,** she loses important files.
- 14. The school doesn't have money for books. **Furthermore,** the building is old.
- 15. I am too busy to help you. Moreover, I think you can do it by yourself.
- 16. She's smart and beautiful. **On top of that,** she's kind and considerate.

giving the truth

- 17. I don't like little Ricky. To tell the truth, I think he's a monster.
- 18. He says he's a vegetarian. **In fact,** he eats seafood on occasion.
- 19. He calls himself a "professor." Actually, he's only a teaching assistant!

giving information which is against normal expectation

- 20. His liver was in bad shape. **That notwithstanding,** he continued to drink.
- 21. He loved her very much. **However,** he didn't ask her to marry him.
- 22. She hated him. **Even so,** she accepted all of his dinner invitations.
- 23. The boy got F's on all his exams. **All the same,** the teacher passed him.
- 24. I wasn't hungry. **Still,** I had dinner with the family and ate a lot.
- 25. I hated that job with a passion. **Nevertheless,** I stayed for ten years.
- 26. She spent hours in the hot kitchen. **Regardless,** he didn't touch her food.

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giving the bright side or the sad side

- 27. She was hit by a car. **Fortunately,** she wasn't killed.
- 28. He lost his house in the hurricane. **Happily,** his whole family survived.
- 29. She inherited a million dollars. **Unfortunately,** she invested the money badly.
- 30. He did everything to make her happy. **Sadly,** she never grew to love him.

showing consistencies and similarities

- 31. He worked hard to make his wife happy. Likewise, she took good care of him.
- 32. He treated his workers well. **In the same way,** he did everything for his kids.
- 33. The lady was an angel. **Similarly,** her husband helped the poor in their town.

showing inconsistencies or dissimilarities

- 34. He was handsome and smart. **On the other hand,** he dressed very badly.
- 35. Falcons fly 200 miles per hour. In contrast, ostriches can't fly at all.

stating what is clearly true or probably true

- 36. He sang and danced when he was at work. **Without question**, he liked his job.
- 37. He always took his kids to the park. **Undoubtedly,** he loved them a lot.
- 38. He gave vacation time and sick leave. **Surely,** his workers appreciated it.
- 39. He was invited to all the parties. **Indeed**, he was quite popular.
- 40. He kept closing his eyes while I was speaking. **Apparently,** he hadn't slept well.
- 41. He couldn't recognize his friends. **Possibly,** he had Alzheimer's disease.

showing a direct result

- 42. We were tired and hungry. **Therefore**, we stopped to rest and eat lunch.
- 43. He went out dancing every week night. **Consequently,** he failed his class.
- 44. He studied hard and did all his homework. **Thus,** he got A's most of the time.
- 45. He worked seven days a week, twenty hours a day. **As a result,** he got sick.