Linking words

Linking words and phrases are **used to show relationships between ideas**. They can be used to join 2 or more sentences or clauses (a clause is a group of words which contains a subject and a verb). Linking words/phrases can be used to add ideas together, contrast them, or show the reason for something.

TASK: Underline the linking words in the text below and replace them with other linking words with the same function. You may have to make some changes to the sentences:

Energy, in physics, is the capacity for doing work. It may exist in potential, kinetic, thermal, electrical, chemical, nuclear, or other various forms.

There are, moreover, heat and work—i.e., energy in the process of transfer from one body to another. After it has been transferred, energy is always designated according to its nature. Hence, heat transferred may become thermal energy, while work done may manifest itself in the form of mechanical energy.

All forms of energy are associated with motion. For example, any given body has kinetic energy if it is in motion. A tensioned device such as a bow or spring, though at rest, has the potential for creating motion; it contains potential energy because of its configuration. Similarly, nuclear energy is potential energy because it results from the configuration of subatomic particles in the nucleus of an atom.

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Contrast

- However
- Nevertheless
- Nonetheless
- Still
- Although / even though
- Though
- But
- Yet
- Despite / in spite of
- In contrast (to) / in comparison
- While
- Whereas
- On the other hand
- On the contrary

Comparison

- Similarly
- Likewise
- Also
- Like
- Just as
- Just like
- Similar to
- Same as
- Compared to / with
- Not only...but also

Addition

- And
- In addition
- Furthermore
- Also
- Too
- As well as
- Besides
- Moreover
- What is more

Result

- So
- As a result
- As a consequence (of)
- Therefore
- Thus
- Consequently
- Hence
- In order to

To conclude

- To sum up
- All in all
- All things considered
- In conclusion
- On the whole

Sequence

- First / firstly, second / secondly, third / thirdly etc
- Next, last, finally

Example

- For example
- For instance
- That is (ie)
- Such as
- Including
- Namely

Reason

- For
- Because
- Since
- As
- Owing to
- Due to
- Because of