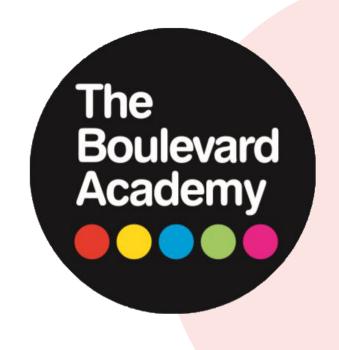
# Connectives or Openers



Connectives do not join two sentences. They simply make a connection between two sentences. Most frequently, a connective comes at the beginning of a new sentence, with a capital letter and a full stop in front of it. This is why they are commonly known as openers.

However, sometimes, connectives appear in the middle or at the end of the new sentence:

• John was the best play. He still had to work hard, nevertheless, for his place in the tea<mark>m.</mark>

Notice, though, that the connective is not joining the two sentences. The two sentences remain separate.

**Remember** – never use a connective to join sentences.

#### Common openers:

To show addition - in addition/also/furthermore/moreover

• John read all the Harry Potter books. In addition, he read all of Anne Fine's books.

**To show contrast** - however/nevertheless/on the other hand/instead/in contrast/looking at it another way

• The mugger ran off. However, he was arrested later.

## Connective or openers and the semi-colon

#### To reinforce - besides/anyway/after all

• I stayed in to do my homework. Besides, I don't like hanging around on the streets.

#### To explain - 'for example', 'in other words'

• I found lots of flowers during my walk. For example, I found daisies, buttercups, and kingcups.

#### To list - first/firstly/secondly/thirdly/finally

• I found many reactions in my experiment. Firstly, the steam had condensed into water.

#### To show result - therefore/consequently/as a result/thanks to this/because of this

• Heat rises. Therefore, the top of a house is warmer than the bottom.

## To show events following on - following this/after/afterwards/after that/then/next in the end/later/finally/eventually

• We spent all day in the park. Then we went home. Following this, we had a barbecue.

### To show events preceding - at first/before/in the beginning/until then/up to that time

We went to different secondary schools. Before that, we had spent every day together.

# To show events happening at the same time - meanwhile/at the same time/simultaneously

- The family were eating in the front room. Meanwhile, the robber broke in through the back
- door.