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**-Lesson 3-**  
**Discourse markers**

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## Discourse markers

In English, discourse markers are words or phrases used to connect ideas together and show the relationship between them.

**Order:** first(ly) second(ly) before, earlier, then, next, finally, lastly.

Example: firstly, I would like to introduce myself.

**Addition:** also, besides, in addition, moreover, furthermore, added to, as well, and

Example Sam has two sisters Jenna **and** Susan.

**Illustration:** for instance, for example, that is, to demonstrate, such as, take the case of

Example: There are many states in the US; **for example**, California, Ohio, and Virginia

**Contrast:** however, in contrast, nevertheless, on the other hand, though, although, otherwise, but, on the contrary, in spite, despite, in spite of, despite of.

Example **Although** Emily studies hard, she is not scoring well.

**Comparison:** similarly, same as, likewise, comparable to, just as, just like

Example I have a red dress **just like** yours.

**Cause:** because, for since, due to, caused by, for this reason, owing to.

Example: My mother did not come **since** she was busy at home.

**Result /consequence:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, as a consequence, so, thus, therefore.

Example Sana had an important meeting, **therefore**, she could not come to the party.

**Emphasize:** indeed, generally, obviously, generally, undoubtedly

Example Kate is **indeed** a great friend of mine.

**Condition:** if, in that case, unless, provided that, providing that.

Example if you work hard, you will get a good salary.

**conclusion:** to sum up, to conclude, finally, in other words, on the whole.

Example: to conclude, hold a brief discussion.