

Linking Words in English

- ① Read the text below pay especial attention the the words in **bold**.

Music forever

Music is an art form that has existed not only for centuries but several millenia. Did you know that the earliest and largest collection of instruments was found in China *7000 BC*?

On top of that, instruments have always played an important role for music and continue to do so.

Additionally, there are many different types of instruments.

For instance, there are wind and string instruments **but** you can find percussion instruments **as well**.

Even though, there have always been a lot of different styles and genres already, **in addition to** the old ones more and more different electronic music genres have developed in the last couple of years. EDM (=electronic dance music) **for example** got more and more popular in the 2010s, thanks to popular DJs like *Avicii* and *Swedish House Mafia*.

In conclusion, music has been a part of us for several millenia and continues to do so.

Moreover with its many different types of instruments and genres it continues to change to this day.

Linking Words

Linking words are single words or expressions, that you can use to connect ideas in a text. If you use these your text becomes more organized as you connect your ideas.



- ② Now that you have found the linking words in the text let's try to understand them.
- Translate the expressions into German with the help of a dictionary (if needed).
 - Try to match the linking words to a specific purpose.

| English | German | English | German |
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| on top of that | | as well | |
| additionally | | even though | |
| for instance | | in addition to ... | |
| but | | for example | |
| in conclusion | | moreover | |

a)

| Adding something | Sequencing ideas | Contrast | Give examples | Give a summary |
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③ There are many more linking words in the English language but let's try to use the ones from the text first.

- Write 10 sentences about music yourself. Each of them should include at least one linking word.

Solutions

| English | German | English | German |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| on top of that | dann auch noch | as well | auch |
| additionally | ausserdem/ zusätzlich | even though | obwohl |
| for instance | zum Beispiel | in addition to ... | zusätzlich zu ... |
| but | aber | for example | zum Beispiel |
| in conclusion | schlussendlich/ abschliessend | moreover | zudem |

a)

| Adding something | Sequencing ideas | Contrast | Give examples | Give a summary |
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| on top of that | moreover | but | for example | in conclusion |
| in addition to | additionally | even though | for instance | - |
| as well | - | - | - | - |

b)