

Connectives

Connectives are words which join (connect) parts of a sentence or a paragraph together. Different connectives work in different ways.

⌘ Joining parts of a sentence:

⌘ Connectives of reason. They say why something happens.

- Kieran was hungry so he ate his own belly.
- Richard was late because he missed the bus.

⌘ Connectives of time. They say when something happens.

- Craig watched Neighbours before doing his homework.
- Kelly did the ironing until it was time for bed.

⌘ Connectives of place. They say where something happens.

- Miss Smith never knows where her mark book is.
- Wherever he goes, Jim always keeps an eye out for tractors.

⌘ Joining sentences into paragraphs:

⌘ These go at the start of sentences to show that the ideas carry on from one sentence into the next. Here is an example for you to look at:

Miss Smith had planned lots of hard work for her Year 9 class to do. On the other hand, if they were good and worked hard, she might let them off with a bit of a rest on a Friday afternoon. Surely that would encourage them to work hard during the rest of the week.

⌘ See if you can underline the connectives in the next part of the paragraph.

Suddenly, she realised that the more work they did, the more marking she would have to do. However, they would learn lots and that was the main thing. In other words, she would just have to put up with it!