

HOW TO EXPRESS ...

Sequence:

- First, firstly, in the first place, to begin with (*dans un 1er temps...*)
- Second, secondly, in the second place (*dans un 2ème temps ...*)
- Then, next, after that, afterwards (*puis, ensuite...*)
- Finally, eventually (*enfin...*)
- In the end (*au final*)
- Last but not least (*enfin et surtout*)
- As a conclusion, to conclude (*en conclusion, pour conclure...*)

Addition:

- Besides, moreover, what is more, further more (*de plus, en outre, qui plus est*)

Simultaneity:

- While, as (*alors que, pendant que, tandis que*)

Consequence:

- So (*donc*)
- Thus (*ainsi*)
- Consequently, as a result, in consequence (*en conséquence*)

Opposition, contrast:

- But (*mais*)
- Yet, though, although (*cependant*)
- Instead of + BV + -ing (*au lieu de ...*)
- ... whereas ..., unlike ..., contrary to ... (*contrairement à..., alors que...*)

Alternatives:

- Either ... or ... (*ou... ou...*)
- Neither ... nor ... (*ni... ni...*)
- Otherwise (*sinon*)

Symmetry:

- On the one hand ... on the other hand (*d'une part... d'autre part*)
- Some...others...(certains...d'autres...)
 - Ex : Some people think that ... others believe that ...
- Sometimes...Sometimes (*parfois...parfois*)

Confirmation:

- Certainly [sU:t&nll]
- Assuredly [&'ŒU&rdll], undoubtedly [^n'daUtldll] (*assurément, sans aucun doute, indubitablement*)
- Indeed [In'di:d] (*en effet, d'ailleurs, en fait, effectivement*)

Expressing purpose, result:

- To + infinitive, so as to, in order to (*pour + infinitif*) ex: I need a pen TO write.
- For + noun (*pour + nom*) ex: FOR my birthday I want a new mobile phone

Duration:

- For (*pendant* → il indique la durée de l'action) ex: ...for 3 days.
- During (*pendant* → indique à quel moment un fait se produit) ex: ...during the afternoon
- While (*pendant que*)
- From then on (*Dès lors*)
- From now on (*A partir de maintenant*)

Giving examples:

- For example | for instance (*par exemple*)
- i.e. | namely (id est – *c'est à dire*)

gap-fillers

Well,...
Hum,...
So,...
..., er, ...
You know,... / ..., you see, ...
I mean,...
You know what I mean,...
What I mean is...

Do you see what I mean ?
... if you see what I mean...
Well, what I'm trying to say is...
How can I say this,...
I've got it on the tip on my tongue,...
Now, to get back to what I was saying...
Let's see,...
Let me think,... / Er, let me see...

Give me a second,
... just a moment
How shall I put it ?
..., now, what's the word... ?
Anyway, the point is... (*de toute façon, en tout cas*)
Mind you, I'd also like to say... (*voyez-vous, remarquez...*)