Worksheet: From Paragraph to Essay **LINKERS** 1

TASK 1

In each of the following functional categories highlight 2-3 linkers that you especially like. Do not choose those that you usually use: challenge yourself.

LISTING

*first, second, third; firstly, secondly, thirdly; a,b,c OR 1/2/3 (especially in academic and technical use); to begin with; in the first place, in the second place; next; then; finally; to conclude;*

ADDING/REINFORCING

*also; too; furthermore; moreover; in addition; above all; what is more;*

COMPARING

*equally; likewise; similarly;*

SUMMARISING/CONCLUDING

*then; all in all; overall; in conclusion; to sum up;*

EXEMPLIFYING

*namely; for example (e.g.); for instance; that is (i.e.);*

RESULT

*consequently; hence (formal); so; therefore; thus; as a result;*

REFORMULATING

*or rather; in other words;*

ALTERNATIVE

*alternatively; on the other hand;*

CONTRASTING

*on the contrary; in/by contrast; on the one hand…on the other hand;*

CONCESSION

*besides; however; nevertheless; still; though; in spite of that/the fact…; on the other hand.*

TASK 2 Plenary

Call out your favourite linkers one at a time. Listen to your partners. Do not repeat what has already been mentioned.

TASK 3

Choose your two absolute favourites and write two sentences. Think your field of studies.

NOTE: Linkers used as sentence openers are separated from the sentence by a COMMA.

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