Useful Linking Words and Phrases

To indicate a contrast:

- however
- on the other hand
- alternatively
- in contrast
- instead
- conversely
- on the contrary
- in fact
- rather
- in comparison
- another possibility—
- but
- better/worse still
- despite this
- in spite of
- nevertheless
- notwithstanding
- for all that
- yet
- although
- all the same

To provide an illustration:

- for example
- that is
- that is to say
- for instance
- say
- in other words
- namely
- such as
- as follows
- typical of this/such
- one such
- a typical/particular/key example
- including
- especially
- not least
- in particular
- notably
- chiefly
- mainly
- most importantly

To extend a point:

- similarly
- equally
- likewise
- too
- also
- furthermore
- Indeed
- in the same way
- besides
- above all
- as well
- in addition

To show cause and effect/conclusion:

- so
- therefore
- accordingly
- thus
- hence
- then
- as a result/consequence
- resulting from/in consequence of this
- in this/that case
- consequently
- because of this/that
- for this reason
- owing to/due to the fact that
- it follows that
- this suggests that
- accepting/assuming this
- in conclusion
- it might be concluded from this
- this implies
- in short
- to conclude
- in all
- in brief
To show the next step:

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