

## USEFUL VOCABULARY FOR ESSAY WRITING: Papers 2 and 3

*Using a variety of connectives to start your sentences will help improve the quality of your writing; it will also help you keep an analytical (rather than a descriptive) focus*

### **Introducing a topic**

There were several reasons why this happened  
There were several results.....  
There were many factors that contributed to this...  
It is often argued that....

### **Adding information**

Additionally,  
In addition,  
Moreover,  
Equally important  
Furthermore,  
For example,  
Another point/piece of evidence...  
Not only...but also...  
While it is true that...  
Despite the fact that...

### **Comparing**

Similarly,...  
Likewise,  
In both situations/In neither situation...  
Compared with...  
In the same way...  
Equally...  
As with...  
...are similar in that...

### **Linking cause and effect**

As a result of...  
This means that...  
Due to the fact that...  
This caused...  
Therefore,  
Thus...

### **Discussing a sequence of events/points**

Firstly...  
Secondly...  
Thirdly...  
Finally,...

### **Emphasise a point**

Moreover,  
Significantly,  
Another key point  
Surprisingly,  
On the negative side...  
On the positive side...  
In fact,  
It is important to realise that  
Indeed,

### **Contrasting**

Although...  
Conversely,  
In spite of this...  
On the other hand,  
However,  
On the contrary,  
Nevertheless,

### **Concluding**

Consequently,  
As a result,  
Accordingly,  
In conclusion/ To conclude...

