

Connectives

Connectives make sentences longer because they join pieces of information together. The children are aware that there are different levels of connectives; therefore they are able to develop their writing appropriately. As the children progress with their writing, we ask the children to use connectives at the beginning of sentences so they can be used as sentence openers too.

How can you help?

- Discuss different connectives with your child.
- Match connectives together. For example, which connectives could be used instead of “and”?
- Talk about making sentences longer and more interesting by using a range of connectives – not simply and/but/because. Instead you could try then/ however/ while/ although/ nevertheless/ also.
- Use a highlighter pen to highlight connectives in old newspapers/magazines.

