

Connectives

This list should enable you to 'signpost' almost any kind of essay or comprehension answer.

qualifying

although	unless	except	if	yet
as long as	apart from	despite		

cause and effect

because	so	therefore	thus
consequently	stemming from this		as a result
an upshot of	hence		

contrasting

whereas	alternatively	instead of	otherwise
unlike	on the other hand		in other respects
on the contrary			

emphasising

above all	in particular	especially	significantly
indeed	notably	obviously	clearly

illustrating

for example	including	such as	revealed by
in the case of	these include	as exemplified by	

comparing

equally	similarly	in the same way	likewise
like	as with	in that respect	

additional

and	also	as well as	moreover	too
in addition	additionally		furthermore	

sequencing

firstly	secondly	lastly	next	then
finally	first	second	meanwhile	

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temporal (time)

before	during	earlier	later	since
meanwhile	whenever	till	until	
by the time	now	straightaway	already	in x hours
at x o'clock	afterwards	next time	hitherto	

placing

on	inside	within	outside	throughout
near	beyond	among	below	to
beneath	from	towards	into	out of
off				

Signposts for listing several points:

Firstly

To start with	To begin with	My first point
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Secondly

Next	Furthermore	In addition
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Thirdly

Adding to this	Also	Further to this
Moreover	Finally	
I would also like to make the point that		On top of
According to	One could also consider	

Finally

To end with	To finish	Lastly
To sum up	In conclusion	