

Subtypes and Signal Words for Basic Relationships

Each type of basic relationship can be subdivided into more specific types of relationships.

Subtypes

Addition

1. **Equality:** He is tall, **and** he is handsome.
2. **Restatement:** I am tired. **In fact**, I am exhausted.
3. **Example:** He does many things well. **For example**, he is excellent at cards.
4. **Summation:** He does many things well. He cooks. He sews. **In all**, he is an excellent homemaker.

Contrast

1. **Antithesis:** I will be there, **but** I won't be happy.
2. **Alternative:** **Either** it will rain **or** it will snow.
3. **Comparison:** Bill is tall. In **comparison**, his brother is short.
4. **Concession:** I don't like violence. **Nonetheless**, I'll meet you at the fights.

Cause

1. **Direct cause:** He won the race **by** maintaining his concentration.
2. **Result:** Bill went home. **Consequently**, the party ended.
3. **Reason:** He went to the store **because** he needed food.
4. **Inference:** Mary is going on a long trip. **In that case**, she should plan well.
5. **Condition:** **Unless** you stop, I will leave.

Time

1. **Subsequent action:** They went to the game. **Afterward**, they went to the dance.
2. **Prior action:** They went to the game **before** they went to the dance.
3. **Concurrent action:** Bill thought about Mary **while** Mary thought about Bill.

Signal Words

The following are signal words associated with each specific relationship.

Addition

1. **Equality:** and, moreover, equally, too, besides, furthermore, what is more, likewise, similarly, as well, in addition, besides, at the same time
2. **Restatement:** indeed, actually, in actuality, in fact, namely, that is, that is to say, another way of saying this
3. **Example:** for example, first, second, third, one, two, three . . . , for a start, to begin with, next, then, finally, last but not least, for one thing, for another thing, another example would be
4. **Summation:** altogether, overall, then, thus, in all, therefore, all in all, in conclusion, in sum, in a word, in brief, briefly, in short, to sum up, to summarize

Contrast

1. **Antithesis:** but, yet, or rather, what is better, what is worse, contrariwise, conversely, oppositely, on the contrary, else, otherwise, on the other hand
2. **Alternative:** alternatively, either . . . or, neither . . . nor, rather than, sooner than
3. **Comparison:** in comparison, in contrast, like
4. **Concession:** however, anyhow, besides, else, nevertheless, nonetheless, only, still, though, in any case, in any event, for all that, in spite of that, all the same, anyway, though, at any rate, in any case, regardless of this

Cause

1. **Direct cause:** by, due to, owing to, through
2. **Result:** consequently, hence, now, so, therefore, thus, as a consequence, for all that, as a result, whereupon, accordingly, the result was, this is the reason

3. **Reason:** because, because of, in that, so that, since, so on account of, for the fact that
4. **Inference:** else, otherwise, in that case, then
5. **Condition:** now that, providing that, supposing that, considering that, granted that, admitting that, assuming that, presuming that, seeing that, unless . . . then, as long as, in so far as, if, where . . . there, when . . . then, no sooner . . .

Time

1. **Subsequent action:** afterward, next, since, then, after that, later, in the end, shortly, subsequently, so far, as yet, before, until, finally
2. **Prior action:** after, earlier, initially, in the beginning, originally, at first, previously, beforehand, formerly, before that, before now, until then, up to now, by now, by then
3. **Concurrent action:** simultaneously, while, meanwhile, meantime, at this point, at the same time

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