Signal Words

If you are asked to

**COMPARE**

two or more things, use these words:

• as well as
• also
• too
• like
• much as
• similarly
• similar to

If you are asked to

**CONTRAST**

two or more things, use these words:

• however
• but
• on the other hand
• while
• although
• different from
• less than
• though
• yet
• whereas

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Signal Words

If you are asked to describe

**CAUSE & EFFECT** or **PROBLEM & SOLUTION**

use these words:

- because
- since
- therefore
- consequently
- in order that
- so that
- as a consequence
- as a result
- then
- if... then
- thus
- due to

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If you are asked to describe the

**SEQUENCE OR ORDER**

in which things happen, use these words:

- first
- second
- third
- in the first place
- then
- before
- after
- last
- meanwhile
- now
- finally
- for one thing
- next

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Signal Words

If you are asked to write a DESCRIPTION OR LIST use these words:

- to illustrate
- for instance
- in addition
- and
- again
- moreover
- also
- too
- furthermore
- another
- first of all

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