

Subtypes of Relationships and Examples of Signal Words

Signal word examples are in italics.

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.

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.

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.

Signal Words for the Cause Subtype

- *Direct cause*: by, due to, owing to, through
- *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
- *Reason*: because, because of, in that, so that, since, so on account of, for the fact that
- *Inference*: else, otherwise, in that case, then
- *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 . . .

To see signal words in the subtypes of Addition, Contrast, and Time, go to www.marzanoresearch.com/documents/reproducibles/teaching_assessing/figure5.2.pdf.

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