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Foreword

The *Guide to Linking Words* is one of a series of COBUILD ENGLISH GUIDES to particular areas of difficulty for learners of English.

The author, Sylvia Chalker, is one of Britain's foremost writers on English grammar, and we are particularly pleased that she accepted our invitation to write this *Guide* for us.

It is important to remember that language does not consist simply of isolated remarks and statements; in both written and spoken language, learners need to be able to recognize and use the various techniques for linking sentences and clauses together into longer utterances, and relating them to a wider context. We hope that this *Guide* will enable them to deal confidently with this key aspect of the language, which has been relatively neglected by traditional grammar books.

This book, like all COBUILD books, is derived from studying the evidence in The Bank of English, a massive corpus of language now containing over 250 million words. The examples are taken directly from the corpus, and the frequency of words affects the prominence given to them here. The emphasis on real language ensures that the learner is able to observe the linking strategies used by actual native speakers of English, and can then go on to apply them, in a natural and convincing way, in his or her own writing and conversation.

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Introduction

Sometimes you can write or say what you want to express in a single simple sentence. But many utterances, whether written or spoken, consist of longer stretches of language.

Linking Words deals with the words and phrases that link one sentence or one clause with another, showing the connections. The term 'linking word' (or 'linking adverb') is sometimes narrowly used to mean what we here call connectors. This *Guide* takes a wider view and looks at other 'referring' words and other 'linking' devices.

Chapter 1 explains the differences between two important kinds of linking words – conjunctions and connectors.

Chapter 2 concentrates on conjunctions – particularly co-ordinating conjunctions and adverbial conjunctions. It also deals with connectors that have similar meanings.

Chapter 3 deals with more connectors, but ones that do not have corresponding conjunctions.

Chapter 4 describes the links that join relative clauses and noun clauses to their sentences. It also looks at how non-finite and verbless clauses are linked to their sentences, often without any linking word.

Chapter 5 looks at the role of pronouns, determiners, and some other words insofar as they refer to and substitute for other items in written and spoken language.

Chapter 6 looks at the way nouns are used to refer to other nouns (or noun groups) or to longer pieces of text.

Chapter 7 concentrates on some informal linking words that are particularly used in conversation.

Chapter 8 deals with an important set of adverbs – sentence adjuncts – which grammatically speaking are not linking words at all. They are included here for two reasons. Firstly, in some grammar books they are lumped with connectors as 'sentence adverbs' because, like connectors, they serve as a sort of comment on a whole sentence, rather than being a part of it. But their function and usage

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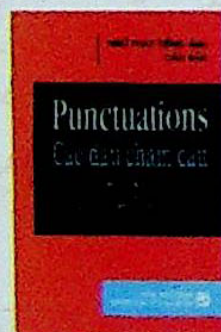
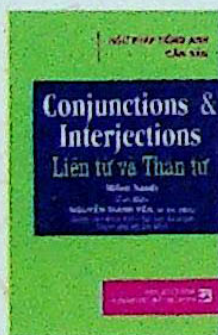
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