

### **Making Self-Study Tips- Linking Words Practice**

*Choose one of the topics below and give some advice on how to study to improve that thing, e.g. “You should listen to Australian radio” for the topic “accents”. Talk about your opinions or experience or the experiences and opinions of other people. Your partner will then add something to what your advice with one of the linking words below, e.g. “However, it might be a bit too difficult”. Then change roles and do the same.*

#### **Self-study topics to give advice on**

academic English

accent(s)

apps

bad language learners

body language/ gestures

business English (meetings, negotiations, etc)

children’s books/ TV

comprehension

computer translation

confidence

conversation exchange

cultural differences/ cultural training

dictionary

error correction

exams/ tests

functional language/ Everyday English (travel English, etc)

good language learners

grammar

idioms/ slang

listening (podcasts, etc)

memorization (flashcards, etc)

news

pausing/ silence

phrase book

pronunciation (intonation, individual sounds, minimal pairs, etc)

radio

reading (graded readers, reading for pleasure, etc)

recording yourself

review/ revision

self-study books

shadow reading

Skype lessons

songs/ lyrics

speaking (fluency, accuracy, free conversation, etc)

study group

subtitles

teleconferences/ video conferences

translation

vocabulary lists

writing

**Useful language for making statements about self-study**

In my experience,...

I have found that...

I heard that...

Many people believe that...

... is really popular

I agree... What is more,...

I'm not sure that I agree.

**Linking words to add to your partner's advice on language learning**

also

although

as

as a result

as well (as)

at first

because (of)

but

despite/ in spite of

e.g.

even if

even though

first of all/ firstly

for example/ for instance

furthermore

however

i.e.

if

in addition

in conclusion

in contrast

(in order) to

in the end

moreover

nonetheless/ nevertheless

on the contrary

on the other hand

since

so (that)

such as

the reason for this is

therefore

though

thus

unless

whereas

while

*Find similar linking words above and explain any differences between them.*

*What are the differences in meaning, grammar and/ or punctuation between the linking expressions on each line below? (All of them are at least slightly different).*

- also/ moreover
- although/ however
- as well/ as well as
- at first/ first of all
- because/ because of
- because/ so that
- but/ however
- despite/ however
- e.g./ i.e.
- even if/ even though
- however/ in contrast
- however/ whereas
- in contrast/ on the contrary
- nonetheless/ nevertheless