

Similarities and Differences Between Connecting Expressions- Card Game

Without looking below, put the words that you are given into groups by similarity.

Ask your teacher for clues, e.g. the number of groups and/ or the number of words in each group.

Find words in each group which are most similar to each other and explain the differences in their use (grammatical – including word order – and/ or meaning). Apart from ones which are on one card, all the words in each group are different to each other in some way.

Hint 1: *There are six categories.*

Hint 2: *The smallest group has just one two cards, and the largest group has seven, with the others having the intermediate number of cards.*

Answer key/ Cards to cut up

Cards next to each working from left to right along each row are related. The smallest category is first.

as/ because/ since	this is because/ the reason for this is that	if
unless	when	e.g.
etc.	examples include	for example/ for instance/ to give just one example
in the end	at last	lastly
finally	at the end	and
moreover	in addition	in addition to/ as well as
also	as well	..., but/ However,...
on the other hand	in contrast	whereas
although	nevertheless/ nonetheless	on the contrary

Which expressions above and you most and least likely to be able to use in academic writing, e.g. your next homework? Which expressions above are rare in academic writing?