

Grade 5 Playlist: Linking Ideas Within and Across Categories

Aligns with *CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.2.C*:

- *Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).*

Welcome

An essay contains ideas that can be connected. The ideas can be linked together using words, phrases, and clauses. These connecting words show how the ideas in an essay fit together. Linking words, phrases, and clauses can be particularly useful when grouping information because they help show that a group of details belong within one category. They also help sentences flow smoothly.

Objective

In this playlist, students will learn how to:

- link ideas within and across categories using words, phrases, and clauses such as *in contrast* and *especially*.

Review

Key Terms

- A **category** names a group of details, ideas, or things that belong together.
- A **phrase** is a small group of words.
- A **clause** is a group of words that contains a subject and verb but is not a complete sentence.
- A **transition** is another name for a word, phrase, or clause that links ideas.

Watch!

For a review on clauses, watch the following video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS0izdn9Ybs>

Exploring the Standard

There are many ways that ideas can be similar. The following is a list of some ways that ideas can be connected to each other:

- One idea might add to another idea.
- One idea might be an example of another idea.



- One idea might be the cause or effect of another idea.
- One idea might be the opposite of another idea.
- One idea might be more important than another idea.

Writers use linking words, phrases, and clauses to show how ideas are related. These links are sometimes called *transitions*. Read the following chart, which shows some examples.

Purpose	Linking Words	Example
to add to another idea	<i>in addition, also, another, as well</i>	In addition to sharp teeth, alligators also have powerful jaws.
to give an example	<i>for example, for instance, such as, like</i>	Alligators prefer living near calm, fresh water. For example , many alligators can be found in swamps and marshes.
to show cause and effect	<i>because, as a result, therefore, since</i>	Because alligators almost became extinct, they were added to the endangered species list. As a result of this protection, the number of alligators started growing again.
to show difference or contrast	<i>in contrast, unlike, on the other hand, however, although</i>	Unlike crocodiles, which have pointed snouts, Alligators have wide, rounded snouts.
to compare the importance of ideas	<i>especially, more importantly, most of all, worse</i>	Alligators' sharp teeth may seem scary, but their powerful jaws are especially fearsome.

Read!

Read this list of linking words.

<http://cdn.scope.scholastic.com/sites/default/files/SCOPE-Library-GreatTransitionsHandout.pdf>

A Closer Look: Linking Ideas Within a Category

Example 1 is a paragraph from an essay that tells about the good and bad effects of video games. This paragraph contains all of the ideas that belong in the “good” category. However, the ideas are not joined with linking words, so they sound disconnected.

Example 1

Video games have many benefits. They can improve players' hand-eye motor skills. They require quick reflexes. A racecar game requires players to steer away from other cars. Video games can be played with friends. An exciting multi-player game can be a great social experience. Did you know video games are educational? Many games take place in real locations around the world and in different time periods throughout history.

