

Connectors and synonyms for First (B2) exam WRITING.

Neutral means you can use it in formal or informal situations.

Additive connectors (like ALSO)

Moreover (formal)

In addition (neutral)

What's more (informal)

Similarity connectors

Likewise (formal)

In the same way (neutral)

Like (informal)

Cause connectors (like BECAUSE)

As (neutral)

Since (neutral)

Effect connectors (like SO)

Therefore (formal)

As a result (neutral)

Synonyms for TODAY (to start an essay)

Nowadays (neutral)

These days (neutral)

To conclude

In conclusion (neutral)

In summary (formal)

To give your opinion

From my point of view (formal)

In my view (neutral)

For me (informal)

In my opinion (neutral)

Giving examples

For instance (formal)

For example (neutral)

Like (informal)

Contrasting connectors (like BUT) at the START of a sentence

On the other hand (neutral)

However (neutral)

In contrast (neutral)

Synonyms for VERY

Extremely (neutral)

Really (informal)

Honestly (*neutral, but only in some situations*)

Ways to order ideas

Firstly / First of all

Secondly / Second of all

Thirdly

Finally / Last of all

To recommend (review)

I strongly recommend (neutral)

If..., you should... (neutral)

To sign off an email/letter

I look forward to hearing from you soon (formal - letter)

I can't wait to hear back from you (informal - email)