Linking Words

Grades 3–6
Linking words (connectives)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Linking words join ideas so writing flows. Some give a reason (because), some show a result (so), some show a difference (but, however), some add an idea (also), some give an example (for example), and some show order (then, finally). Choose the best linking word from the box for each sentence. Use each word once.

WORD BOX

because • so • but • then • also • finally • however • for example

Sentence	Linking word
1. I wore my coat ____ it was cold outside.	
2. It was raining, ____ we stayed inside.	
3. I like apples, ____ I do not like pears.	
4. First, wash your hands. ____, dry them.	
5. We read three books. ____, we went to bed.	
6. Maya plays piano. She ____ sings in a choir.	
7. The test was hard. ____, Leo did very well.	
8. Some fruits are red. ____, cherries are red.	

Your turn: write one sentence that uses because and one that uses however.

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Linking Words — Answer Key

Accept "Next" for item 4. Other answers may be correct if the linking word makes sense and the sentence is punctuated correctly. Linking words that start a sentence, like However and Finally, are followed by a comma.

Sentence	Answer
1. I wore my coat ____ it was cold outside.	**because**
2. It was raining, ____ we stayed inside.	**so**
3. I like apples, ____ I do not like pears.	**but**
4. First, wash your hands. ____, dry them.	**Then**
5. We read three books. ____, we went to bed.	**Finally**
6. Maya plays piano. She ____ sings in a choir.	**also**
7. The test was hard. ____, Leo did very well.	**However**
8. Some fruits are red. ____, cherries are red.	**For example**

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