

Structure words/ Connectives

The following connectives will help you to structure your writing and connect your thoughts logically. Keep your own list of personal favourites and add new words and phrases to it when you learn them.

Please stick to the word order required in English !!!

(Structure word)	Subject	Verb	Object
1)	Many people	like	dogs
because	they	are loyal friends.	
2) Due to the fact that	dogs	are very loyal,	
	many people	like	dogs a lot.

To show order: (these are the basic structures you need to know !)

- **In the first place** / **Firstly**... dogs are loyal friends. - *En primer lugar...*
- **In the second place** / **Secondly**... dogs are... - *En segundo lugar...*
- **In the third place** / **Thirdly**... dogs are... - *En tercer lugar...*
- **The last point I want to mention is that...** **And lastly**... - *Lo último que quiero mencionar es que...*
- **The first point / The second point / The third point The last point I want to make is that...**

To structure / add ideas: (these structures spice up your essay !)

- **Let me begin by saying that...** - *Para empezar, debo decir que...*
- **Moreover ... / Furthermore... / In addition** dogs are very loyal. - *Además...*
- **Another important point is (the fact) that...** - *Otro factor importante es el hecho de que ...*
- **Let's not forget (the fact) that** dogs are very loyal. - *No debemos olvidar que...*
- **We also have to consider (the fact) that** dogs are... - *También tenemos que considerar el punto de...*
- **It is also important to mention that** - *También es importante mencionar que...*
- **And last but not least...** - *Y por ultimo, pero no por ello menos importante, ...*

To compare or contrast things:

- **On the one hand** dogs are..., **but on the other hand** they are... - *Por un lado ... pero por otro (lado)...*
- **Although** they are great, dogs can make a lot of dirt. - *A pesar de (que) - Aunque...*
- **Contrary to** Mr Smith, I do believe that... - *Al contrario del Sr. Smith, creo que ...*
- **In contrast to** the USA Germany is... - *En contraste con EEUU, Alemania es ...*

- **Unlike** cats, dogs can't climb trees. - *No como... / A diferencia...*
- **Compared to** the USA.... Germany is - *Comparada con EEUU, Alemania es...*
- **In comparison to** the USA, Germany is... - *En comparación con EEUU, Alemania es...*
- Dogs, **however**, don't climb trees. - *Pero... / No obstante...*

To express reason:

- **As a consequence of this / As a result of this** dogs prefer Germany. - *Como consecuencia / resultado...*
- **Therefore / Consequently** ... I support the view that... - *Por eso / Por consiguiente ...sostengo que ...*
- Dogs, **therefore**, are... - *por lo tanto...*
- The Chinese eat dogs, **so that is why / and because of that** dogs prefer Germany. - *por eso...*
- **Because / Since** the Chinese eat dogs, dogs don't want to live there. - *Como... / Dado que...*

To give examples:

Many dogs, **such as** foxhounds, were bred for hunting. - *, como por ejemplo.....*

Some dogs, (like) **for example / for instance** Lenbergers, are very patient. - *, como por ejemplo.....*

To make points clear or emphasize them:

- **To put it in another way**, dogs hate China. - *Para decirlo de otra manera...*
- **The point I am trying to make is that** we should all.. - *A lo que voy es que deberíamos todos...*
- This **means** that... - *Esto significa que...*
- This **shows** that dogs... - *Esto demuestra que...*
- This **proves** that... - *Esto pone en evidencia que / Esto demuestra que...*
- These facts **make it clear** that... - *Estos hechos ponen en claro que...*
- These facts **make it evident** that... - *Estos hechos ponen en evidencia que...*

To conclude and give your opinion

- **So, in short / in one word**... we can say that - *Para abreviar / en pocas palabras ... podemos decir que...*
- **In conclusion** I would like to say that - *Concluyendo / en conclusión me gustaría decir que...*
- (So), **summing up, I think that... / I believe... that** - *En resumen creo que... / Pienso que...*
- **As far as I'm concerned**, I believe that - *En lo que a mi me concierne...creo que...*
- **In my view... / In my opinion... / From my point of view... / The way I see it...** - *En mi opinión...*

