

LINK WORDS (mots de liaison) – EXERCICES

1. Complétez le texte avec les mots de liaison suivants :

what / who / why / how / so that / than / instead of

Why does France allow its workers to strike?

I will never understand France allows workers to strike, especially in a country plagued with more three million unemployed. Eurostar train drivers should be fired they can join those millions on the dole and see they like it. They should be glad they have jobs whining about wages.

There are an awful lot of people out there would like to take over their jobs, no matter the pay may be.

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2. Quels mots de liaison utiliseriez-vous ?

(plusieurs solutions sont parfois possibles).

- 1) Could you speak up I can hear you better?
- 2) our delivery delays, you will receive your order by the end of the week.
- 3) I can be there at 10 there's no traffic jam.
- 4) I will give him the message he contacts me.
- 5) She understood them their English was very bad.
- 6) He can't explain the diagram he faxes it.
- 7) the recession, they managed to hire some staff.
- 8) you enjoy working abroad, you'll be in charge of a new mission in Bangkok.

3 Retrouvez l'équivalent anglais des mots de liaison suivants.

au contraire au fait au moins autrement dit bref
d'ailleurs d'après moi d'après Paul d'un autre côté
d'un côté dans l'ensemble en fait en tout cas
pour moi pourtant quant à Paul remarque sinon
tout de même

on the other hand by the way actually on the whole
according to Paul in my opinion yet anyway
on the contrary at least besides I think
all the same in other words in a word mind you
otherwise as for Paul in a way

8 Choisissez un élément de chaque colonne pour faire une phrase.

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| 1. Even if you get on your knees and beg me for money. | A. you'll simply need a bit of common sense. |
| 2. While I had had my licence for ages | B. my parents thought he was a real rogue and stopped me marrying him. |
| 3. In order to understand the problem | C. just give me a call and I'll come to pick you up. |
| 4. Since you persist in denying the facts | D. I'm not going to give in and lend it to you. |
| 5. Although I was madly in love with Tom | E. just pull the lever on the top of the pack. |
| 6. To open the lid | F. we had to leave home at six. |
| 7. When you're finished | G. he was still taking lessons. |
| 8. As we had an eight o'clock flight | H. I'll have to ask the police to intervene. |

4 Complétez par also, so, as, like, either, neither et both.

1. I once worked a secretary when I was a student.
2. we go now or we stay at home.
3. They were in a hurry, they took a taxi.
4. She's got the time nor the money to do this.
5. I told you yesterday, I have made my decision.
6. His job is boring and badly-paid.
7. 'She doesn't understand computers.' 'He doesn't
8. In Ireland in England the weather is often cold and wet.
9. I speak French and German.
10. You're my father: he worries a lot too.
11. my sister nor my brother eat meat.
12. They live in New York, but they've got a house in London.

2 Complete the following sentences with link-words from this list :
despite / unlike / whereas / unless / otherwise / since / provided

- 1- John's good at French his brother Paul finds it difficult.
- 2- They can watch the film they go to bed as soon as it has finished.
- 3- you take that attitude, I shall not bother to talk to you.
- 4- Everyone liked him his strange sense of humour.
- 5- She'll never pass her driving test she takes a few more lessons.

3 Choose one element in each column to form sentences. Write them entirely

A	B	C
1- He said he'd phoned	since	he has finished his work.
2- He's been watching TV	that	he will finish his work.
3- He can't phone	until	he had finished his work.
4- I wonder	when	he should finish his work.
5- I suggest	when	he finished his work.

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-

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4 Complete the text with the following link-words:

however / otherwise / so long as / unless / whereas / while / since / so that / but / although.

I won't let you have the car tonight, (a) you promise to drink nothing (b) fruit-juice at the party. I hope you intend keeping your promise. You'd better take the bus. I'm sure you wouldn't like your Mum and I to worry (c) you are having a good time with your friends. Of course, we don't mind your going out on Saturdays once in a while (d) you don't make a habit of it. (e), I do think you should spend more time studying for your exam. (f) I'm against making comparisons, I must say your elder brother was much more serious. He worked all the time (g) all you ever think of is enjoying yourself.

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (e) (f) (g)

7 Reliez les phrases suivantes avec les conjonctions : *because, for, consequently, as, that's why, as a result, therefore ou since.*

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| 1. I went out to buy Nan a present | A. the people outside my house were suspicious |
| 2. I went out to buy some wine | B. they won the cup |
| 3. we had an argument | C. his name is from up there |
| 4. you think you're so clever | D. it was her birthday |
| 5. he must have ancestors in Scotland | E. I was having friends over to dinner |
| 6. I phoned the police | F. we never saw each other again |
| 7. he invested his money | G. came out with a tidy sum |
| 8. they trained all season | H. you can do it yourself |

**LES MOTS DE LIAISON (LINK WORDS)
EXERCICES**

N° 1 : Complete the sentences with the appropriate link-word. Each one of the list must be used only once :
Whose – provided – though – yet – instead of – as soon as – whenever – in spite of – while

- a- Someone managed to get into our house the door was locked
- b- She apologized for being rude her parents didn't forgive her
- c- You're reading comics working
- d- They're the people children are so nasty
- e- You may have some wine you don't drive your car tonight
- f- He got up and went downstairs he heard that noise
- g- Mary keeps on being a nuisance our remarks
- h- she hears that song, Mary starts crying

N°2 : Fill in the blanks with : unless (2 fois) – as though – although – whereas – unlike – for fear (de peur que) – provided (2 fois) – otherwise – while – whenever

- a- Mr Simpson had locked his car somebody should steal it.
- b- He never tried to enter he was invited to.
- c- Eleanor cut her birthday cake they sang to her.
- d- He would be shown in he gave a good first impression.
- e- He had to dress up he would not be admitted.
- f- Judith said it loudly speaking loudly were explanation enough.
- g- He had expected to be greeted by an old person it was a young woman who opened the door.
- h- He was a bit nervous he met a stranger.
- i- a commercial traveller, he did not try to sell anything.
- j- Julia felt the letter must be kept away from her sister, she couldn't have given a clear reason.
- k- You can talk to me in the kitchen you'd rather not.
- l- you are careful, you should live to be a hundred.

N° 3 : Associer un élément de la colonne A à un élément de la colonne B pour faire, à l'aide des articulateurs de la liste suivante, une phrase complète cohérente. Récrire la phrase entière.
Unless – in other words – if – owing to – instead of.

COLONNE A	COLONNE B
1. I won't go to that party	a- he was fired
2. I missed my appointment	b- you get ready in the meantime
3. She should marry Jim	c- you come with me
4. The manager told Tom he wasn't needed any more	d- that stupid boy
5. I'll do the washing-up before we go to the cinema	e- the railway strike

N°4 : Match a clause from column A with one from column B so as to make a correct sentence, then write the completed sentence.

A	B
1. If she had believed his story	a- unless you're sure of the answers
2. When they arrive	b- I would have refused to help them
3. Don't answer his questions	c- I will let you know
4. How can world harmony exist	d- There wouldn't have been a divorce
5. She left the door open	e- If people don't communicate
6. Had they told us the truth	f- So that the children's voices might reach her