

Connectives are words which join (connect) parts of a sentence or a paragraph together. Different connectives work in different ways.

Joining parts of a sentence:

- Connectives of reason. They say **why** something happens.
  - Kieran was hungry **so** he ate his own belly.
  - Richard was late **because** he missed the bus.
  
- Connectives of time. They say **when** something happens.
  - Craig watched Neighbours **before** doing his homework.
  - Kelly did the ironing **until** it was time for bed.
  
- Connectives of place. They say **where** something happens.
  - Miss Smith never knows **where** her mark book is.
  - **Wherever** he goes, Jim always keeps an eye out for tractors.

Joining sentences into paragraphs:

- These go at the start of sentences to show that the ideas carry on from one sentence into the next. Here is an example for you to look at:  
*Miss Smith had planned lots of hard work for her Year 9 class to do. **On the other hand**, if they were good and worked hard, she might let them off with a bit of a rest on a Friday afternoon. **Surely** that would encourage them to work hard during the rest of the week.*
  
- Underline the connectives in the next part of the paragraph:  
  
*Suddenly, she realised that the more work they did, the more marking she would have to do. **However**, they would learn lots and that was the main thing. **In other words**, she would just have to put up with it!*