Linking words

Below are some words and phrases to help with the flow of your essay, linking ideas, presenting information and illustrating the research on the topic

To give an example or explain ideas

For example	As a consequence	In other words
For instance	As a result	In particular
Thus	As an illustration	Such as
Namely	Therefore	

To compare or contrast

In contrast	Nevertheless	Even so
Conversely	Similarly	Yet
However	Equally	But
Despite this	Also	Otherwise
Nonetheless	Likewise	Although

To emphasise or expand ideas

Above all	In fact	Additionally
After all	In other words	Moreover
Also	Of course	Surely
Certainly	To repeat	Truly
Indeed	Furthermore	Similarly
In essence	Likewise	

To show relationships / cause and effect

Although	But	However
As a result	Consequently	Thus
At the same time	Either/Or	In order that
Because	Even so	For instance

To show time / to put ideas in order

Afterwards	Finally	Meanwhile
At last	Firstly	Most importantly
Before	Immediately	Next
During	Initially	Then
Earlier	Lastly	Previously
Eventually	Later	

To conclude

Therefore	So	Consequently
Thus	Finally	To summarise
Hence	In conclusion	Accordingly
This indicates	As a result	

Reporting verbs

e.g. Smith (2007) describes / states / defines / argues / disputed / conceded…

Analysed	Illustrated	Showed
Compared	Indicated	Demonstrated
Commented	Noted	Suggested
Concluded	Observed	Claimed
Criticised	Pointed out	Validated
Demonstrated	Highlighted	Verified
Discussed	Reported	