## **Linking Words in English**

(1) Read the text below pay especial attention the the words in **bold**.

## Music forever

Music is an art form that has existed not only for centuries but several millenia. Did you know that the earliest and largest collection of instruments was found in China 7000 BC?

**On top of that**, instruments have always played an important role for music and continue to do so. **Additionally**, there are many different types of instruments. **For instance**, there are wind and string instruments **but** you can find percussion instruments as well.

**Even though**, there have always been a lot of different styles and genres already, in addition to the old ones more and more different electronic music genres have developed in the last couple of years. EDM (=electronic dance music) for example got more and more popular in the 2010s, thanks to popular DJs like Avicii and Swedish House Mafia.



## Linking Words

Linking words are single words or expressions, that you can use to connect ideas in a text. If you use these your text becomes more organized as you connect your ideas.



**In conclusion**, music has been a part of us for several millenia and continues to do so. **Moreover** with its many different types of instruments and genres it continues to change to this day.

- (2) Now that you have found the linking words in the text let's try to understand them.
  - a) Translate the expressions into German with the help of a dictionary (if needed).
  - b) Try to match the linking words to a specific purpose.

English	German	English	German
on top of that		as well	
addtionally		even though	
for instance		in addition to	
but		for example	
in conclusion		moreover	

a)

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Sequencing ideas	Contrast	Give examples	Give a summary
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	ideas	ideas	ideas Contrast Give examples

b)

3	There are many more linking words in the English language but let's try to use the cfrom the text first.			
	• Write 10 sentences about music yourself. Each of them should include at least one linking word.			

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## **Solutions**

English	German	English	German
on top of that	dann auch noch	as well	auch
addtionally	ausserdem/ zusätzlich	even though	obwohl
for instance	zum Beispiel	in addition to	zusätzlich zu
but	aber	for example	zum Beispiel
in conclusion	in conclusion schlussendlich/ abschliessend		zudem

a)

Adding something	Sequencing ideas	Contrast	Give examples	Give a summary
on top of that	moreover	but	for example	in conclusion
in addition to	additionally	even though	for instance	-
as well	-	-	-	-

b)

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