

Sentences could have several patterns indicated through certain words, clues or transition signals. Understanding those patterns empowers you to link ideas to one another as you read and boosts your writing skills as you model and embed them in your writing assignments.

Here are commonly used sentence patterns.

Pattern	Clues
1. Chronological or time order	While, meanwhile, as soon as, after, later, first, second, last month, etc...
2. Cause and effect	Because, so, due to, thus, accordingly, results in, springs from, since, as, etc..
3. Comparison	Similarly, likewise, more...than, as, like, etc...
4. Contrast	Nevertheless, although, yet, but, in contrast, on the contrary, unlike, etc...
5. Exemplification	For instance, particularly, as a case in point, such as, for example, etc...
6. Listing	A list of items
7. Definition	means that...
8. Spatial order	Next to, located, nearby, above, etc...
9. Addition	Moreover,, also, furthermore, in addition, etc...
10. Statistics	Percentages