Sentence features:

When we are expressing our opinion, it is important to connect our ideas in a logical. Here are some **link words** or **cohesive devices** that we can use:

**To organise:** *firstly, secondly, thirdly, then, another point is, finally, last but not least*

**To add information:** *in addition, moreover, also, too, besides, as well as*

**To show cause and effect:** *because of, due to, as a result of, therefore, so*

**To indicate contrast:** *however, although, whereas, on the one hand – on the other hand, while, on the plus*

*side – on the negative side.*

**To conclude: as** *a consequence, all in all, consequently, to sum up, to conclude*

Grammar features: *please see grammar reference book*

Reported speech, Inversion, Passive form, Emphasis

Fill in the gaps in each sentence with a suitable linking word or phrase.

1. Thomas Hardy’s Wessex novels,………such as/like……….*Tess of the d’Urbervilles*, are much admired
2. Charles Dickens’ novels were originally published in monthly serial form,…………………..each instalment was eagerly awaited by readers.
3. Jane Austen’s last novel,……namley………*Persuasion*, is a tale of love and marriage told with irony and insight.
4. Oscar Wilde’s plays were considered to be very amusing in his day,……moreover………..they still seem funny today.
5. Somerset Maugham’s short stories are brilliant examples of the genre,……above all/in particular…………….I’d recommend the ones he wrote later in his life.
6. I’ve never appreciated D.H. Lawrence……even though……………….he’s supposed to be one of our greatest writers.
7. H.G. Wells was a very prolific writer;…nevertheless………………the quality of his output was extremely high.
8. George Orwell’s 1984 has always been a best-seller;…however……………….his other novels are much less well-known.
9. Kingsley Amis’s first novel, Lucky Jim, is by far his best work—…………at least……….that’s what some people say.
10. Graham Greene’s books are as popular abroad as they are in this country;……consequently/therefore/in fact…………….they have an international appeal.

Inversion: Examples

1. Not only did he fail to report the accident, but also later denied that he had been driving the car.

2. Never have I enjoyed myself more.

3. Rarely can a minister have been faced with such a problem.

4. Seldom has the team given a worse performance.

5. Rarely had I had so much responsibility.

6. Hardly had the train left the station when there was an explosion.

7. Scarcely had I entered the room when the phone rang.

8. No sooner had I reached the door than I realized it was locked.

9. No sooner was the team back on the pitch than it started raining.

10. Only after posting the letter did I remember that I had forgotten to put on a stamp.