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CONJUNCTIONS AND TRANSITIONS

The Simple Guide to Communicating Clearly and Logically

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Hi, I'm Kiera, and I'm a seasoned teacher with over a decade of experience helping students from all over the world achieve their goals on the CELPIP test.

I've worked with hundreds of students over the years, and I'm passionate about helping each and every one of them succeed.

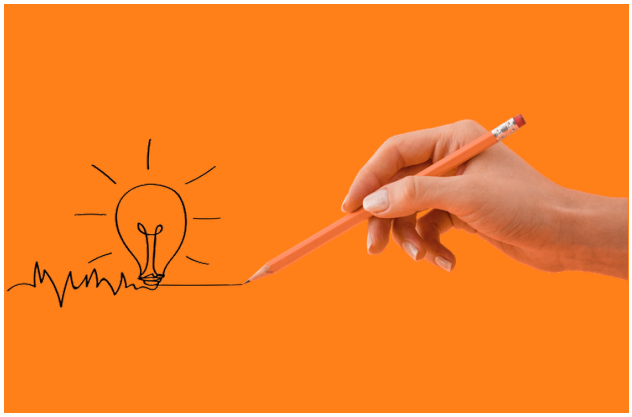
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The 3 Types of Conjunctions and Transitions

You don't need every transition in English, these three types will cover most situations.



1. Coordinating (Join equal ideas)

→ Used to connect two similar ideas.

Common ones:
and • but • so • or • yet
Example:

- I work full time, and I'm preparing for the CELPIP test.
- I contacted customer support, but I have not received a response yet.

2. Subordinating (Show reason or contrast)

→ One idea depends on the other.

Common ones:
because • since • although • even though
Example:

- Because I work full time, I usually study at night.
- I usually study at night because I work full time.

3. Adverbial Transitions (Sound organized & formal)

→ Often used to start a sentence

Common ones:
however • therefore • for example • as a result
Example:

- I was very busy last week. Therefore, I didn't practice speaking much.
- Many people prefer remote work. For example, it saves commuting time.

Addition



We use addition transitions when we want to:

- add another reason
- introduce extra information
- continue the same idea without repeating ourselves

These transitions help your response sound organized, logical, and easy to follow, which is important for both CELPIP Speaking and Writing.

Common Transitions

Simple & natural (used often in speaking):

- and
- also
- too
- as well

More professional (usually used for writing):

- in addition
- furthermore
- moreover
- besides

Paired structures (show strong organization):

- both ... and
- not only ... but also

Other useful option:

- another (used before a noun)

Example:

- The location is convenient. In addition, the rent is affordable.
- I like this option, and it offers long-term benefits.
- The position requires both experience and strong communication skills.
- The course is affordable. Also, it is easy to follow.

CELPIP Tip

Avoid repeating “and” in every sentence.
Mix simple and professional transitions to sound more fluent and organized.

Practice Task:

Choose a different and the most possible transition and for each sentence.

1. I like working from home. _____, it saves commuting time.
2. This course is _____ affordable _____ suitable for beginners.
3. The location is convenient. _____ advantage is that it is safe.

CONTRAST



We use contrast transitions when:

- two ideas are different
- one idea limits or disagrees with another
- we want to show balance or fairness in an opinion

Contrast transitions help your response sound logical, mature, and well-developed, which is essential for CELPIP Writing Task 2 and opinion-based speaking tasks.

Common Transitions

Simple & direct:

- but
- yet

Preposition-style contrast:

- unlike

Subordinating (used inside a sentence):

- although
- even though
- despite
- in spite of

Adverbial (often start a sentence):

- however
- nevertheless
- on the other hand
- in contrast
- instead

Example:

- I understand your point, but I see the situation differently.
- In contrast, public transport is more environmentally friendly.
- Although the service is expensive, it is reliable.
- Unlike private transport, public transit is more affordable.

CELPIP Tip

Use contrast to show critical thinking, not just disagreement.
Balanced answers often score higher than one-sided opinions.

Practice Task:

Rewrite each pair of sentences as one clear sentence or two connected sentences by adding one contrast transition.

1. The job offers a high salary. The workload is heavy.
2. Online shopping is convenient. Some people prefer physical stores.
3. The instructions were clear. I still made a mistake.

REASON AND RESULT



We use reason and result transitions to:

- explain causes
- show consequences
- connect actions with outcomes

These transitions are essential for:

✔️ explaining problems
✔️ giving reasons
✔️ making logical arguments

Common Transitions

Reason (cause):

- because
- since
- because of
- due to

Result (effect):

- so
- therefore
- as a result
- consequently
- thus
- for this reason

Example:

- I didn't sleep well last night, so I felt tired during the test.
- Because I work full time, I usually study at night.
- The system was unavailable. As a result, I could not submit my application.
- Due to heavy traffic, the meeting started late.

CELPIP Tip

Avoid using "because" in every sentence.
Vary your transitions to show control and range.

Practice Task:

Complete the sentences by showing cause → effect.

1. I missed the bus, _____ I arrived late.
2. _____ the bad weather, the event was cancelled.
3. The website was down. _____, I could not submit my form.

Check: Did you clearly show why and what happened?

CONCLUSION OR SUMMARY



We use conclusion and summary transitions when:

- we want to signal that our response is ending
- we need to summarize our main points clearly
- we want to leave a strong, organized final impression

These transitions help your response sound complete, confident, and well-structured.

Common Transitions

Natural and commonly used:

- all in all
- in short

Clear and neutral (very safe for CELPIP):

- in conclusion
- in summary

Verb-based forms:

- to conclude
- to summarize

Example:

- All in all, I think this option is more practical for my situation.
- In short, the benefits clearly outweigh the drawbacks.
- To summarize, the main advantages are affordability and convenience.

CELPIP Tip

A clear conclusion signals strong organization.
Even one short concluding sentence can increase your coherence score.

Practice Task:

Write one final sentence to end the response using one conclusion transition.
Topic:
Do you think public transport should be free for everyone?

- Use only one conclusion transition
- Do not add new reasons
- Keep it clear and concise

EXAMPLES



We use example transitions to:

- clarify abstract ideas
- support opinions
- make arguments more convincing

CELPIP examiners reward specific examples, especially in Writing Task 2.

Common Transitions

- for example
- for instance
- such as
- an example of
- take ___ as an example

Example:

- Many cities are very expensive. For example, rent in Toronto is extremely high.
- Some jobs are stressful, such as emergency services.
- Many companies offer flexible benefits. For instance, employees can work remotely.

CELPIP Tip

One clear example is better than multiple vague ones.
Quality > quantity.

Practice Task:

Write one sentence that supports the idea below using one example transition.
Idea: Online learning is flexible.

- Use one example transition
- Be specific (avoid vague examples)

Prep Checklist



Does your CELPIP prep include...

- Clear strategies for every section
  Yes / Somewhat / No
- Practice questions that feel like the real test
  Yes / Somewhat / No
- Feedback on your writing from a real person
  Yes / Somewhat / No
- Live sessions where you can ask questions
  Yes / Somewhat / No
- Unlimited retakes to build your confidence
  Yes / Somewhat / No
- A clear way to track your progress
  Yes / Somewhat / No

If not...

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