

LINKERS (AND, OR, BUT, SO, BECAUSE)

3RD CLASS

Linkers are **words** that relate one idea or sentence of the text with another.

e.g.,

*It was raining, **so** I stayed at home.
It was raining. **Therefore**, I stayed at home.*

1. And

.....is a linker of **addition** to sum one concept, idea, phrase or sentence to another:

- a) A, B **and** C.
- b) I like jazz, coffee **and** social interaction.

2. But

.....is a linker of **contrast** to show contrasting or contradictory concepts, ideas, phrases or sentences:

- a) That car is fantastic **but** it's expensive.
- b) I like all kinds of dogs, **but** bulldogs.

3. Or

.....is a conjunction that connects **two or more possibilities** or **alternatives**.

e.g.

- You can have some freshly baked scones **or** some chocolate cake **or** both.

4. So

..... The linkers ***so***, ***because*** and ***therefore*** show a relationship of **reason and result**, or **cause and effect**.

e.g.

- It was raining, **so** I stayed at home.
- I stayed at home **because** it was raining.