

LIBERAL STUDIES ADVICE SHEET 5

WRITING RESPONSES TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: CONNECTING SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS TOGETHER

Make your writing easy for the reader to understand. Achieve this by connecting paragraphs together smoothly. The following phrases will help your reader to understand whether the following paragraph is in agreement or disagreement with the previous one.

| Adding an additional idea to support your point of view | Introducing an idea that contrasts with the main idea of the previous paragraph |
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| <i>Moreover</i> | <i>By contrast</i> |
| <i>Furthermore</i> | <i>In comparison</i> |
| <i>In addition</i> | <i>Conversely</i> |
| <i>Likewise</i> | <i>However</i> |
| <i>Similarly</i> | <i>Whereas</i> |
| <i>First, second, etc.</i> | <i>Nevertheless</i> |
| <i>Besides</i> | |
| <i>What is more</i> | |

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPHS

Certainly, well-behaved students deserve a chance to learn. So, that is one reason to send the noisy students away. But I tend to think that those naughty students will have no hope if they are sent to another school together. A special school for difficult students will feel like a “prison” whatever name you give it. The people who go there may not recover from the experience. This will then cause problems for Hong Kong society.

Besides, we need to look at *why* the difficult students behave badly before we separate them. For instance, some of those students may be very intelligent and are bored because the work is too easy for them. **What is more**, in my experience some teachers can be uninteresting and this leads to behavioural problems.

However, most students put up with dull teachers and learning activities that are not challenging enough. Becoming patient is part of growing up. Those students who cannot learn this lesson may need to be taught separately.