

## Different Sentence Openers to Make Connections

### Basic

Subject–Noun Phrase	Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980.
Prepositional Phrase	In minutes, the mountain emitted a cloud of hot rock and gas.
Adverb	However, debate has arisen over the source for the steam.
Dependent Clause	Although precursors for the eruption had been studied for months, the timing and power of eruption surprised many scientists.
Infinitive Phrase	To understand the source for steam in volcanic eruptions, we have to determine how much water the magma contains.

### Sophisticated

Gerundial Phrase	Calculating the amount of ash will require many assumptions.
Participial Phrase	Its slope collapsing, the mountain emitted a cloud of hot rock and gas.
Correlative Conjunctions	Not only was the eruption the deadliest in U.S. history, but it was also the most economically destructive.
Dependent Clause as Subject	What actually occurred was a sudden blast that caught scientists by surprise.

### Special Occasion

Double Clause	The greater the tumescence, the more likely an eruption.
Verb–Subject	Is it groundwater heated by magma or water originally dissolved in the magma itself?
Appositive	The fifth highest peak in Washington before the eruption, Mount St. Helens dropped 400 meters of elevation after the eruption.
Adjective Phrase	Vast and ominous, the volcanic cloud billowed northward.

## Transitional Words and Phrases

### Continuation

Also,  
In addition,  
Moreover,  
Furthermore,

Therefore,  
For that reason,  
As a result,  
Consequently,

### Pause

In other words,  
Put another way,  
As is,  
In effect,

For example,  
For instance,  
In particular,  
Likewise,

### Reversal

However,  
On the other hand,  
In contrast,  
Conversely,

Otherwise,  
That said,  
Granted,  
Alternatively,