**Sentence adverbials** are adverbs that often appear at the beginning of the sentence, followed by a comma, although they can also be used in other positions. They are particularly useful for linking together sentences in order to compose fluent, connected pieces of writing. Look through the list below, looking up and noting any that are new to you. Note that those words and phrases marked (F) are particularly suitable for formal writing, whereas those marked (INF) are used primarily in informal speech.

**Time**
- After a while
- After that
- Afterwards
- As yet
- At first
- At last
- At once
- At present (F)
- At the moment
- At the same time
- Before that / then, etc.
- Beforehand
- By then / that time
- Earlier
- Eventually*
- Ever since (then)
- Finally*
- First*
- From then on
- Hitherto (F)
- Immediately
- Initially
- In no time
- Instantly
- In the end
- In the meantime
- Lastly
- Later on
- Meanwhile
- Next*
- Now*
- Previously
- Simultaneously
- Since then
- So far
- Soon
- Subsequently
- Suddenly
- Then*
- Until then
- Within minutes / days

**Ordering points; adding information**
- And yet*
- At the same time
- Be that as it may
- Better still
- But*
- By comparison
- By contrast (F)
- By the same token
- Conversely (F)
- Despite this
- Equally
- Even so
- However
- In comparison
- In spite of this
- In the same way
- Instead
- Likewise
- Mind you (INF)
- Nevertheless (F)
- Nonetheless (F)
- Of course
- On the contrary
- On the other hand
- Or*
- Similarly
- Still
- Then again
- Though
- Yet*

**Comparing and contrasting; alternatives; concessions**
- Admittedly
- All the same
- Alternatively
- Above all
- Additionally
- Also
- And* (INF)
- And then*
- As we shall see later
- As well
- As well as that
- Besides
- First(ly) / Second(ly), etc.
- First of all
- Finally
- For one / another thing
- Furthermore (F)
- In addition

**Concluding, summarising; generalising**
- All in all
- Altogether
- As a rule
- Basically
- Broadly speaking
- By and large
- Essentially
- Generally
- In brief
- In conclusion
- In general
- In other words
- In short
- Mostly
- On average
- On balance
- On the whole
- Overall
- So*
- Then
- To some extent
- To sum up
- Ultimately

**Cause and effect; reason and result; inference**
- Accordingly (F)
- As a result
- Because of this
- Consequently (F)
- For this / that reason
- Hence* (F)
- If not
- If so
- In that case
- Otherwise
- So* (INF)
- That’s why*
- Then*
- Thus* (F)
- Therefore* (F)

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*When these words are used at the beginning of a sentence, they are not generally followed by a comma.*