Choosing Openers and Connectives

A **connective** (or conjunction) is a word or phrase that joins two **simple** sentences to make a **compound or complex** sentence.

Simple sentences: I got up. I had breakfast.

Compound sentences: I got up **and** I had breakfast. I got up **so** I had breakfast.

Complex sentences: I had breakfast **when** I got up. **After** I got up, I had breakfast.

Connectives							
and							
and	also	too	plus	including			
in addition	as well as	together with	along with	another thing			
but							
but	however	although	other than	except			
whereas	apart from	yet	even so	unlike			
so							
so	because	therefore	since	thus			
so that	as a result	consequently	hence	for this reason			
then	•	·		·			
then	secondly	after that	soon after	following this			
next	later on	afterwards	before long	after a while			
when							
when	as	while	during	before			
earlier	once	as soon as	after	meanwhile			
however							
however	but	yet	still	though			
even so	it appears	on the other hand	whereas	despite this			
some		·		· ·			
nothing	none	some	few	a minority			
several	many	most	mainly	the majority			
because							
because	as	since	given that	seeing as			
for that reason	due to	for	which is why	so			

Openers (fronted adverbials)							
First	_		•				
First of all,	At first,	To start,	At the start,	It all started,			
To begin with,	In the beginning,	At the outset,	Initially,	Originally,			
Next							
Next,	Then,	After that,	Following this,	Afterwards,			
Secondly,	Later,	After a while,	Soon after,	Subsequently,			
Soon							
Soon after,	Quickly,	Suddenly,	All of a sudden,	In a flash,			
Before long,	In no time at all,	Shortly after,	Moments later,	Not long after,			
Last							
At last,	Last of all,	Lastly,	In the end,	To finish,			
Finally,	In time,	Ultimately,	Eventually,	In conclusion,			