

# What are connectives?

I handed in homework to my History teacher yesterday and she wrote on the bottom that to get a higher level I need to use more connectives. What are connectives?

Connectives are words that link up sentences to make your writing more detailed and help you get a higher level. Look at the list on the right.

## These are History Connectives

because  
but  
for example  
in addition  
at the end  
finally  
this meant that  
overall

## Help?

Connectives help us to write in greater detail during written activities. Still confused about how to use them? Look below...

You are having a bad day...



1. You stayed up late watching a film on TV...



2. You forget to set your alarm clock and do not get up in time...

3. You burnt your toast because you were rushing...



4. You missed the bus...



5. You had to sign in late at school...

6. And you were late to your History class Lesson 1.

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## When your teacher asks you:

“Why are you late to my lesson?” and you simply reply “I got into school late” your teacher may not be happy because you have not given a full explanation.

To explain in more detail you would need to use connectives and you should start...

“I am late because... (and then go through all of the reasons in the order that they happened (1-6) using connectives to link up the reasons).

**Task:** In your exercise books use the information off this sheet to write a paragraph explaining why somebody is late for a lesson. Use the connectives from this sheet to help you.