



GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Linkers for Global Issues

Global Issues | Contrast, cause and result | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner. You may already use this grammar without noticing it.

No.	Question
1	Why do some charities need more support?
2	What can happen because of poverty or inequality?
3	How can countries cooperate although they have different priorities?
4	What result can migration have on communities?

2. Grammar in context

Read the text. The bold phrases show the grammar used in a natural topic context.

Connecting Ideas About Global Problems

Many global problems are connected. Some families move to new countries **because** they need safety, work or education. **As a result**, communities may become more diverse.

Charities can help people in difficult situations. **However**, they often need reliable funding and volunteers. **Although** international cooperation is difficult, it can make support more effective.

Inequality can continue **because** some communities do not have reliable access to education or healthcare. **Therefore**, governments and charities need to work together to improve public services.

3. Notice the pattern

Use linkers to connect ideas clearly in articles, reports and essays.

Use	Form / signal	Example
Cause	because / because of	People migrate because they need safety.
Result	so / as a result / therefore	As a result, communities become more diverse.
Contrast	however / although / while	Although cooperation is difficult, it can help.
Purpose	so that	Governments invest so that people can access services.

4. Build accurate sentences

Complete each sentence using the grammar focus. Then write two examples of your own.

No.	Prompt	Use	Your answer
1	Some families move country. They need safety.	because	
2	Charities help people. They need funding.	however	
3	Cooperation is difficult. It can be effective.	although	
4	Governments invest in education. People can improve their lives.	so that	

1. _____

2. _____

5. Use it in exam answers

Complete the tasks using the grammar focus naturally.

Task	What to do
Speaking	Discuss one global issue and use linkers to explain causes and results.
Writing	Write a short essay paragraph about a global issue using contrast, cause and result linkers.
Reading	Underline linkers in the context text and label their function.

6. Common mistakes

Correct the mistakes.

No.	Mistake	Your correction
1	Because poverty, some children cannot attend school.	
2	Although cooperation is difficult, but it is useful.	
3	Charities need funding, however they help people.	
4	Governments should invest so people to access services.	

7. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

1. Which global issue should receive more attention?
2. Can charities solve problems that governments cannot solve?
3. How can education reduce inequality?
4. Why is international cooperation sometimes difficult?

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4. Build accurate sentences

1. Some families move country because they need safety.
 2. Charities help people. However, they need funding.
 3. Although cooperation is difficult, it can be effective.
 4. Governments invest in education so that people can improve their lives.
- Own answers will vary. Check that the grammar focus is accurate and natural.

6. Common mistakes

1. Because of poverty, some children cannot attend school.
2. Although cooperation is difficult, it is useful.
3. Charities help people. However, they need funding.
4. Governments should invest so that people can access services.

Notes for checking

1. Cause: because / because of - People migrate because they need safety.
2. Result: so / as a result / therefore - As a result, communities become more diverse.
3. Contrast: however / although / while - Although cooperation is difficult, it can help.
4. Purpose: so that - Governments invest so that people can access services.