

## ENG II – UNIT 2: LINKING WORDS (textbook page 24)

**task 1:** Look at the sample essay below and **choose which of the two linking words is the appropriate one** here (eg., first sentence: „nowadays“ or „over time“? - Answer: nowadays.)  
- you do not have to submit your answers, I trust you to work on your own. The key will be provided next week.

**task 2:** (not obligatory) Look at the essay topic, think of an outline of an essay you would write on this topic and then compare it to the sample essay given. Use the questions below to guide you in analysing the essay and the process of writing it.

### Sample essay:

**1** *Nowadays / Over time*, a wide range of **food products** has become available in shops and there are plenty of **ways** that it can be produced, packaged and sold. **2** *As a result / Therefore*, there are many different attitudes towards food, and not everyone makes the same decisions when they go shopping.

Most **people** shop to suit their lifestyle. **3** *In particular / Especially*, single people who work long hours may buy frozen or pre-cooked food, because they worry about how much **time** they have. Some parents with large families may **4** *as well / also* worry about time, but are likely to think about their finances too. If they only have a little **money**, they will be interested in special offers, such as two for the price of one.

**5** *On one hand / On the other hand*, people who have plenty of time to prepare food themselves may choose what they buy more carefully and consider a range of **aspects** that include quality and taste. **6** *In addition / Besides*, a few of these people will be concerned about how animals are treated and whether the food has been organically produced.

**7** *Another / The other* factor affecting choice is where you live. In my country, a great deal of **importance** is placed on the freshness of food. We eat a lot of **fish** and vegetables, and most of this is caught or produced locally. So cost is not an **issue**. **8** *In fact / So*, very few **consumers** talk about it.

**9** *Concluding / In conclusion*, it seems that cost is only one of a number of **factors** that people take into consideration when they purchase food. **10** *Although / Even* some people look at price before quality, others have little **interest** in these things and will spend a considerable amount of money on food in order to satisfy their needs and beliefs.

### Essay topic and guiding questions:

Write about the following topic.

*Most people are not interested in how their food has been produced. They only care about how much it costs.*

*How true is this statement? What influences people when they buy food?*

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

### **5** Work in pairs.

- 1 How many paragraphs are there?
- 2 What does the writer include in the first paragraph?
- 3 Where is the writer's opinion about the statements in the task?
- 4 Does the writer include any personal experience? Where?
- 5 Underline the writer's two main ideas.
- 6 Which ideas and examples in the sample answer were also mentioned during your discussion?
- 7 Do you agree with the writer's conclusions? Why? / Why not?