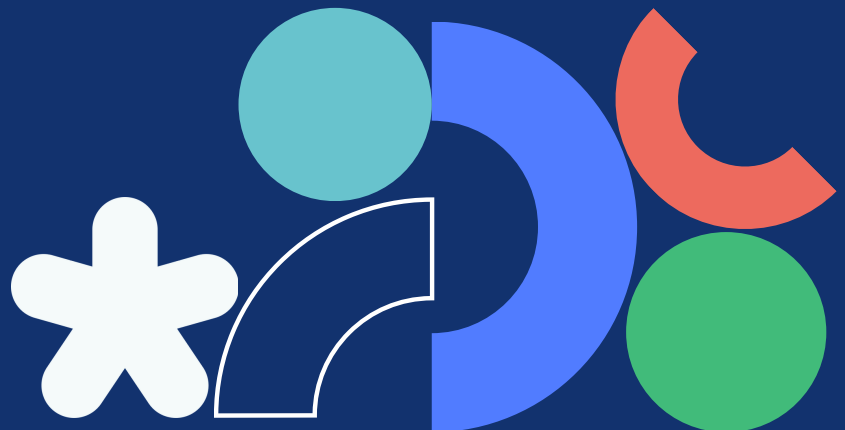




Re-order Paragraphs Decoder

Difference Maker 2: Reading section

30 discourse markers + the 3-Rule Worksheet





Welcome

This pack pairs with the Re-order Paragraphs video on the E2 PTE channel. It contains the thirty most useful discourse markers in PTE Reading, grouped by what they actually do, plus a printable worksheet for the three-rule method.

Use it for two weeks. Twenty Re-order Paragraphs items per week, every one of them solved with the three rules in order. Discipline builds the speed.

The full Reading practice bank, including timed item sets, is at [E2Language.com](https://www.E2Language.com).

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30 discourse markers: what they signal

These are the words that tell you how one sentence connects to the next. Once you spot them, the structure of the paragraph is half-built.

CAUSE AND EFFECT (8 markers)

as a result <i>introduces a consequence of the previous sentence</i>	consequently <i>the previous sentence caused this one</i>
therefore <i>logical conclusion follows</i>	thus <i>formal version of "therefore"</i>
hence <i>formal version of "as a result"</i>	accordingly <i>formal version of "so"</i>
for this reason <i>explicit cause-and-effect link</i>	due to this <i>the previous fact caused what follows</i>

CONTRAST (8 markers)

however <i>the next idea contradicts the previous one</i>	on the other hand <i>presenting an opposing view</i>
in contrast <i>the next sentence is the opposite</i>	nevertheless <i>despite what was just said</i>
nonetheless <i>formal version of "nevertheless"</i>	by comparison <i>the next sentence compares against the previous</i>
yet <i>introduces unexpected contrast</i>	conversely <i>the opposite is also true</i>



30 discourse markers (continued)

SEQUENCE (7 markers)

first / firstly <i>this is the opening point in a list</i>	(and) then <i>the next step or stage follows</i>
next <i>another stage in the sequence</i>	subsequently <i>happened after the previous event</i>
finally <i>the closing point in a list</i>	ultimately <i>the end result of a sequence</i>
previously <i>happened before the current point</i>	

ADDITION (7 markers)

furthermore <i>adds a related point</i>	moreover <i>adds a point that strengthens the argument</i>
in addition <i>adds a separate but related point</i>	additionally <i>another point on the same topic</i>
similarly <i>another example of the same idea</i>	likewise <i>the same applies in this case</i>
besides <i>another reason or example</i>	

How to use these markers in a Re-order Paragraphs item

After identifying the topic anchor (Rule 1), scan every other sentence for these markers. Each marker tells you what relationship it has with whatever sentence comes before it. "However" follows the sentence it contradicts. "As a result" follows the cause. "Furthermore" follows the point it strengthens.



The 3-Rule Worksheet

Print this page (or copy it into a notebook) and fill in one worksheet for every Re-order Paragraphs item you practise. The discipline of writing it out is what locks the method in.

Practice Item Number: _____ **Date:** _____

Rule 1: Topic anchor

Which sentence introduces the topic and doesn't refer back to anything? (Write the sentence label, e.g., A, B, C, D)

Rule 2: Discourse markers

Which sentences contain markers? List the marker and what relationship it signals.

Rule 3: Pronoun chain

Do all pronouns (this, these, it, they, such) resolve to earlier sentences? If a pronoun has no referent, your order is wrong.

Final order (some items have four boxes, some five):

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____ → _____



Where to go next

This pack gives you the system. Putting it into practice with scored mocks, real audio recordings, and live classes is what locks the score in.

Mock test

Sit a full PTE Academic mock test. Discover exactly which tasks are pulling your overall band down.

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The video this pack pairs with

PTE Re-order Paragraphs 2026: The 3-Rule Logic System

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Timed Re-order Paragraphs items, full Reading section practice tests, and detailed feedback on your method are available inside the E2Language.com practice library.

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