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12 Compound adjectives (e.g. well-dressed, time-consuming)

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- 14 Compound nouns combinations of verb + preposition (e.g. drawback, input)

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16 Words with interesting origins - from other languages (e.g. bistro, rucksack)

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19 Homonyms - words pronounced and/or spelt the same (e.g. row, row; bow, bough)

# Connecting and linking

20 Time (e.g. as soon as, while, afterwards)

21 Condition (e.g. unless, provided that)

22 Cause, reason, purpose and result (e.g. owing to, with the aim of, as a result)

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24 Addition (e.g. in addition, furthermore, besides)

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