

A list of linking words:

First	if we exclude...
Firstly	
First and foremost	as well as...
Firstly and most importantly	including...
	not to mention
To begin with	to say nothing of...
To start with	
	as mentioned earlier
Second	
Secondly	equally important
In the second place	more importantly
	more centrally
Third	
Thirdly	worse (still)
	making matters worse
Next	more worryingly
Then	
Also	the first thing to consider is...
In addition	the first thing to consider is whether...
Furthermore	the first point I want to (the author wanted to)
On the top of that	make is that...
Moreover	at the outset let me begin by saying that...
Besides	
What is more	my (the author's) next point is that
	the next point I (the author) want(s) to make is
	that...
However	
In contrast	
On the other hand	this brings us (on/back) to...
Nevertheless	
	incidentally
Therefore	by the way
For example	to digress for a moment
For instance	for the record
Likewise	
Similarly	to go on
In the same way	to resume
Again	to return to the previous point
Lastly	one should also mention...
Last of all	one might also mention...
Last but not least	also worth mentioning is/are...
Finally	it might also be mentioned that...
(and) to conclude	it is also worth mentioning that...
In fact	we may note in passing that...
All in all	one should also bear in mind (that)
To sum up	

apart from...

aside from...

except (for)...

excluding...