A list of linking words:

First Firstly

First and foremost

Firstly and most importantly

To begin with To start with

Secondly

In the second place

Third

Thirdly

Next

Then

Also

In addition Furthermore

On the top of that

Moreover Besides

What is more

However In contrast

On the other hand

Nevertheless

Therefore

For example

For instance

Likewise

Similarly

In the same way

Again

Lastly Last of all

Last but not least

Finally

(and) to conclude

In fact All in all To sum up

apart from... aside from... except (for)... excluding... if we exclude...

as well as...

including...

not to mention

to say nothing of...

as mentioned earlier

equally important

more importantly

more centrally

worse (still)

making matters worse

more worryingly

the first thing to consider is...

the first thing to consider is whether...

the first point I want to (the author wanted to)

make is that...

at the outset let me begin by saying that...

my (the author's) next point is that

the next point I (the author) want(s) to make is

that...

this brings us (on/back) to...

incidentally

by the way

to digress for a moment

for the record

to go on

to resume

to return to the previous point

one should also mention...
one might also mention...
also worth mentioning is/are...
it might also be mentioned that...
it is also worth mentioning that...
we may note in passing that...

one should also bear in mind (that)