**Because, But, So**

*Explain causes, contrasts and results*

🟠 People avoid Scrooge when passing him on the street **because** he is so unpleasant

🟠 Fred invites Scrooge to Christmas dinner, **but** he immediately refuses

🟠 Scrooge is a miserly character, **so** he refuses to donate money to charity

**Appositives**

*Include extra details to add depth*

🟢 Fezziwig, **a joyful and generous employer**, holds a wonderful Christmas party

**Although, Despite**

*Express contrasting ideas*

🔵 **Although** Belle cares deeply about Scrooge, she chooses to end their engagement

🔵 **Despite** Scrooge’s criticism of marriage, Fred remains cheerful and calm

**Before, After**

*Clarify the order of events*

🟡 **Before** the ghost of Jacob Marley appears, Scrooge sees his face in the door-knocker

🟡 **After** visiting the Cratchit household, Scrooge is taken to visit Fred’s family

**Embed Short Quotations**

*Support your ideas with precisely chosen evidence*

⚫ Scrooge is as **‘solitary as an oyster’** in the sense that he is an isolated figure

**Compare and Contrast**

*Make links across the text*

🟣 **Compared** to Fezziwig, Scrooge’s lack of empathy and generosity is emphasised

🟣 **In contrast** to Scrooge, Fred is associated with light and warmth

**Furthermore, Additionally**

*Develop your ideas*

🔴 **Furthermore**, Scrooge’s insists that Bob returns to work early on Boxing Day

🔴 **Additionally**, it is significant that the Cratchit family appear to be happy despite being poor

**Arguably, Likely**

*Add nuance to your writing*

⚪ The first sign of Scrooge’s transformation **arguably** occurs right at the end of stave one

⚪ It is **likely** that the views Dickens held about poverty were informed by his childhood experiences