

# Speak More Naturally: 6 Linking Phrases B2/C1

I. Complete each sentence with a phrase from the box. Use each phrase once.

the thing is    as a result    in the first place  
take    on top of that    personally



1. \_\_\_\_\_, I'd rather have a job that I actually enjoy, even if it pays a little less, because I don't want to feel stressed every single day.
2. This job already comes with good health insurance and flexible hours, and \_\_\_\_\_, they give you a decent amount of vacation time.
3. I can see why the job appeals to some people. \_\_\_\_\_, once you factor in the commute and the long hours, it doesn't seem nearly as attractive.
4. He keeps making careless mistakes, never follows instructions properly, he doesn't communicate well. Why did they hire him \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Some people work much better under pressure. \_\_\_\_\_ Sam, for example – he actually seems calmer when things get busy.
6. She didn't get much training when she started. \_\_\_\_\_, it took her a lot longer to feel confident in the role.

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  2. on top of that
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  4. in the first place
  5. Take
  6. As a result

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