

## Conjunctive Adverbs

A conjunctive adverb is a kind of double-duty word that simultaneously serves the role of both a conjunction and adverb (some call them *adverbial conjunctions*). Conjunctions connect words or word groups. Adverbs modify verbs or modifiers. Conjunctive adverbs do both.

Below is a list of common conjunctive adverbs. Be aware that some of these words may be used as simple adverbs as well, depending on the context. Only when they are used to join independent clauses are they considered conjunctive adverbs.

accordingly	furthermore	namely	similarly
also	however	next	still
anyway	incidentally	nevertheless	subsequently
besides	indeed	nonetheless	then
certainly	instead	notwithstanding	thereafter
consequently	likewise	now	therefore
conversely	meanwhile	otherwise	thus
finally	moreover	regardless	undoubtedly

Sometimes we use more than one word to create compound conjunctive adverbs. Below are some common compound conjunctive adverbs:

after all	equally important	in other words	of course
after a while	even so	in particular	on the contrary
all in all	even though	in short to illustrate	on the other hand
and yet	for all that	in simpler terms	on the whole
as long as	for example	in spite of	so far
at last	for instance	in summary	that is
at length	in addition	in the first place	to put it differently
at that time	in brief	in the same way	to summarize
at the same time	in contrast	it is true	until now
despite that	in fact		

Conjunctive adverbs always connect independent clauses – word groups that can stand alone as complete sentences. When conjunctive adverbs connect ideas between two sentences, they need only commas to separate them from the main clause:

I ordered two plates of spaghetti. **Afterwards**, I felt sick.  
I drove to Memphis. Sally, **on the other hand**, chose to fly.

When conjunctive adverbs connect independent clauses within the same sentence, they are preceded by a semicolon, and followed by a comma:

I did the best I could; **however**, I couldn't finish before nightfall.  
I like to go to the movies; **in particular**, I enjoy action films on the big screen.

