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## CONNECTIVES



Connectives and linking words are words or phrases that are used to establish connections, relationships, and transitions between ideas and sentences in a piece of writing. They help create coherence and flow in a text.

1. Addition:

Additionally, Furthermore, Moreover, In addition, Besides, Also

Example: I enjoy hiking. Additionally, I love camping in the mountains.

2. Contrast:

However, Nevertheless, On the other hand, Nonetheless, But

Example: She is very talented. However, her work lacks experience.

3. Cause and Effect:

Therefore, Consequently, Thus, As a result

Example: The weather was bad; therefore, the flight was delayed.

4. Time:

Meanwhile, Meanwhile, Afterwards, Eventually, Simultaneously

Example: He finished his homework. Meanwhile, his sister was playing in the garden.

5. Comparison:

Similarly, Likewise, In the same way

Example: Dogs are loyal. Similarly, cats can also form strong bonds with their owners.

6. Emphasis:

Indeed, Certainly, Undoubtedly

Example: This is, indeed, a challenging task.

7. Illustration or Clarification:

For example, Specifically, In other words, To illustrate

Example: There are various animals in the zoo, such as lions, tigers, and elephants.

8. Conclusion:

In conclusion, To sum up, Therefore, Overall

Example: In conclusion, the project was a great success.

9. Sequence:

Firstly, Secondly, Finally, Next, Then

Example: Firstly, gather all the materials. Secondly, start the experiment.

10. Purpose:

To, In order to, So as to

Example: I went to the store to buy some groceries.

11. Certainty:

Certainly, Definitely, Surely

Example: She will certainly be there on time.

12. Contradiction:

On the contrary, conversely

Example: He thought she would be angry. On the contrary, she quite understood.

## EXERCISES

**Exercise 1: Choose the correct connective.**

1. I love playing soccer; \_\_\_\_\_, my brother prefers basketball.
2. She studied hard; \_\_\_\_\_, she performed well in the exam.
3. The weather was bad; \_\_\_\_\_, the event was postponed.
4. Dogs are loyal animals; \_\_\_\_\_, cats are known for their independence.
5. He forgot his umbrella; \_\_\_\_\_, he got soaked in the rain.

**Answers**

1. however
2. consequently
3. consequently
4. similarly
5. consequently

**Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the appropriate connective.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, the team played well, they didn't win the match.
2. She enjoys hiking; \_\_\_\_\_, her brother prefers indoor activities.
3. I was tired; \_\_\_\_\_, I decided to take a nap.
4. The traffic was heavy; \_\_\_\_\_, we arrived at the airport late.
5. The instructions were clear; \_\_\_\_\_, some people still got confused.

**Answers**

1. However
2. meanwhile

3. therefore
4. consequently
5. however

**Exercise 3: Create sentences using connectives.**

1. Use "however" in a sentence.
2. Connect two ideas using "meanwhile."
3. Use "therefore" to show a cause-and-effect relationship.
4. Connect two contrasting ideas using "on the other hand."
5. Use "for example" to introduce an illustration.

**Answers**

1. I wanted to go to the party; however, I had to finish my assignment.
2. I started cooking dinner; meanwhile, my friend set the table.
3. It was raining; therefore, we decided to stay indoors.
4. I enjoy reading; on the other hand, my brother prefers watching movies.
5. I have many hobbies, for example, painting and playing the guitar.