

LINKING WORDS

Part I: Choose the correct word for each sentence - each is only used once.

moreover	on the other hand	at least	however		
besides	firstly	whereas	then	actually	though

1. I had a terrible day at work and lost my umbrella too. _____ I spoke to that nice guy who works in the coffee shop at last!
2. Television turns people into lazy couch potatoes. _____, there are some educational programmes on.
3. _____, I would like to welcome you all to the conference today.
4. _____ the film was a little boring, we still had a nice evening out.
5. I've always known Caroline as a mean person. _____, she lent me \$10 yesterday without me having to ask twice!
6. I got up at 9 o'clock yesterday and had a cold shower. _____, I had breakfast and left for work.
7. My brother works in a large office _____ I work on my own at home.
8. Why do you think I don't want to go out tonight. _____, I would be delighted to get out of the house.
9. You should go to university as it gives you a chance to meet so many new people. _____, it gives you the chance to get important qualifications and get a better job.
10. I don't want to go to the football game. Football bores me and I don't want to pay \$40 for a ticket. _____, look at the weather! All that rain!

Part II. Complete the following passage with the given linking words

Before	if	wherever	In addition	without	but	As a result	However
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Mobile Phones

Some time ago, if we wanted to call someone, we had to be at home to do so. There were public phones in the street, but it was often difficult to find one that was working. Sometimes there were long queues before it was your turn to use them. (1) _____, you had to bring a lot of coins to pay for the calls. (2) _____, people didn't phone their friends as often as they do today.

Today's mobile phones allow us to talk with friends and family while we are on the move. They have dramatically changed the life we lead. (3) _____ the age of the mobile phone, parents would sit around worried when their children would be coming home. There were no quick calls to say that there would be more guests for dinner. We left notes on fridges or desks to communicate messages.

(4) _____, mobile phones have also had a negative effect on our lives. We often don't realize that we have lost something very valuable: our privacy. Today, our friends and family can get in contact with us (5) _____ they want to. We can never get away from them.

The way people communicate with each other is completely different now. It's not so easy to sit in a café and have a casual conversation (6) _____ being interrupted by a phone call every few minutes. Most people don't see anything wrong in having a long conversation on their mobile phone while forgetting about the person they are sitting next to.

A solution would be to leave our mobile phones at home or turn them off completely, (7) _____ nobody does that. Most people are afraid of missing something important (8) _____ they don't have their phones with them at all times.