

Transitional Words and Phrases in Writing

Exercise A.

Drag the letter and drop it next to the correct number.

... 1 Leaving aside	a making a conclusion
... 2 Consequently	b giving an example
... 3 In parenthesis,	c read something later in the text
... 4 Turning to	d to give a contrasting opinion
... 5 In conclusion,	e to emphasize
... 6 with reference to	f to finish off
... 7 see above	g as an aside / as a secondary issue
... 8 see below	h next or after
... 9 however	i this document is about another one
... 10 To sum up	j in addition to
... 11 Subsequently	k this will not be discussed
... 12 To illustrate	l change the topic
... 13 Clearly,	m showing the result
... 14 Research has shown	n read something earlier in the text
... 15 Furthermore	o expressing a fact
... 16 It seems to me	p giving my opinion

Exercise B.

Choose the best answer for each sentence.

1. The automobile was recalled **because of / resulting in** a design flaw.
2. The factory was forced to close **as a result of / therefore** the sales rapidly declining.
3. The fire started at the weekend. **Owing to / Since** the office was empty, no one was hurt.
4. **Consequently / Owing to** the Coronavirus quarantine, most retailers have recorded a sharp fall in profits.
5. **Despite / Whereas** the evidence being presented by experts, some people still do not agree with the decision.
6. Several economists have recommended a cut in interest rates; **however / due to the fact** this may cause inflation.
7. **While / However** children incur medical costs to the state, the care of the elderly is much higher.
8. French adult learners of English often have to fit classes around their work. **In addition, / Nevertheless**, they have to pay for the full costs of their courses.

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9. Anderson's sells antique furniture **as well as / in contrast to** selling rare books.

10. **Also / In addition to** the university having a sports center, there is a fully equipped gymnasium.

11. A recent article has suggested that one procedure to cut the deficit is for the president to reduce the federal budget; **however / in contrast / furthermore**, claiming that federal, state, and local taxes should be lowered.

12. Another article has claimed that the causes of inflation were identifiable; **however / for example / therefore**, energy prices have risen by 20% over the last six months.

13. Rising wages are possibly one of the primary causes of inflation; **however / for example / therefore**, more evidence is needed to support this claim.

14. In physics, the weight of an object is the gravitational force with which the Earth attracts it; **moreover / for example / therefore**, if a man weights 150 pounds, this means that the Earth pulls him down with a force of 150 pounds.

15. There were a large number of people who opposed Heathrow's expansion plans, who were **in conclusion / for example / nevertheless** ignored in the final consultation.