

Transitional Words and Phrases in Writing

Exercise A.

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

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| ... 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.