

Linking and Connecting Words

Direction: Fill in the blanks with the most suitable transitions from the list. Use each transition only once unless instructed otherwise. **Write down the answers in the box provided.**

Practice 1

Thus	This	Then	Firstly	Secondly	For example
A further	They	The final	Indeed	Finally	Rather

A child may leave home for a number of reasons, but three seem to be more common than any others. 1

_____, a child may leave home because of lack of parental affection, which can leave the child with emotional scars. When parents are cold and uncaring, a child senses 2 _____ and feels that s/he doesnot belong in the home. The child will 3 _____ leave, seeking a home where s/he at least feel s wantedand a part of a family. 4 _____, when a child feels that s/he is not given just recognition as a person andas an individual, s/he may feel frustrated enough to leave home-especially if he parents do not stop what they are doing long enough to really listen to him/her or at least to respect some of the child's opinions. 5 _____, severe punishment by a child's parents, which does not suit the child's misconduct, may cause him/her to leave home. 6 _____, severe punishment is child abuse, and a child will normally feel thats/he is not safe in such a home. 7 _____ for his/her own protection and for affection s/he may leavehome.

Practice II

When First of all (X 2)	At the beginning Then (X2)	Eventually At the end	However And For instance
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“El Norte” is an excellent and disturbing film about two immigrants to the United States. 1 _____ of the film, we meet a family in Guatemala – mother, father, son and daughter. 2 _____ the father is killed and the mother is taken to the prison, the son and the daughter decide to go to “El Norte” – the United States-by way of Mexico. At 3 _____, they have trouble finding someone to take them across the Mexican border, but 4 _____, they find a way across and end up in Los Angeles. 5 _____, life in the U.S. is not as easy as they thought it would be. 6 _____, they have to find housing, 7 _____, they need to learn English 8 _____ get jobs. 9 _____, they succeed in accomplishing these three goals and life looks pretty good for them. Unfortunately, 10 _____, of the film, tragedy strikes and we are left wondering if “El Norte” really is the land of opportunity after all.

