

Subordinators and transitions to compare and contrast

Exercise 1

Instructions: Read the sentences and choose the answer that correctly identifies the nature of the underlined transition/subordinator in each of the following sentences:

1. Because a water main downtown broke this morning, several businesses had no water for hours.
a) Time
b) Comparison
c) Cause and effect
2. Even though most Americans are primarily concerned about obesity as it exists in the U.S., it should be remembered that it is now nearly a worldwide disease.
a) Time
b) Contrast
c) Comparison
3. Larry will probably be a late bloomer socially, just like his older brothers.
a) Time
b) Contrast
c) Comparison
d) Cause and effect
4. Rock climbing takes much practice and skill. In the same way, learning to write will requires a great deal of practice.
a) Time
b) Condition
c) Comparison
5. In wealthy nations, electricity is distributed through a power grid whereas in developing countries, electricity is less common and people depend on burning wood or kerosene for heat and light.
a) Comparison
b) Contrast
c) Condition
6. Although extending the power grid to remote areas is possible, it takes years and can be expensive.
a) Condition
b) Comparison
c) Contrast

Exercise 2

Instructions: Read the sentences and choose the answer that correctly identifies the appropriate transition word or subordinator. Then select the adverb clause.

1. _____ the invention of television, people probably spent more of their leisure time reading.
a) Unless
b) Because
c) Before
2. _____ I'm allergic to flowers, my boyfriend bought a bouquet of roses.
a) When
b) Because
c) Even though
3. Math was hard for me in high school. _____, it is hard in college.
a) Likewise
b) Because
c) Whereas
4. Houseplants require much care and attention; _____, outdoor plants must be cared properly.
a) Though
b) Since
c) Similarly
5. _____ Manny's car stereo was on full blast, I could see his lips moving.
a) Although
b) While
c) Because