

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 weighs 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.
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