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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET **TRANSITION SIGNALS**

- Complete the sentences with the correct transition signals. Capitalize when necessary.

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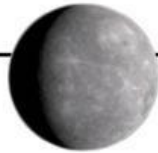
and yet

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however

also

**Mercury**

Mercury is a small planet. (1) In fact, it is only slightly larger than our moon. Our moon has a diameter of 3,475 kilometers, while Mercury has a diameter of 4,879 kilometers. (2) _____, our own planet, Earth, is 12,756 kilometers across. Mercury is (3) _____ the closest planet to the sun, at about 56 million kilometers, and, (4) _____, temperatures on the planet can reach as high as 427 degrees Celsius during the day. Galileo was the first person to ever use a telescope to observe Mercury in the early 17th century; (5) _____, scientists have since studied the planet much less than the other planets of our solar system. (6) _____, a space probe visited Mercury in 1975, and another in 2008.

hence

specifically

nonetheless

of course

however

**Bullet Ants**

The bullet ant is a small creature. (1) Nonetheless, its sting is extremely painful, and victims compare the terrible, burning pain to being shot with a gun; (2) _____, its name: the "bullet" ant. In Venezuela, (3) _____, it is not known as the bullet ant, but as the "24-hour ant" because this is how long a victim will experience pain after being stung. Worker ants of this species are relatively large compared to other ant species. (4) _____, they measure between 18 and 30 millimeters (0.7 to 1.2 inches) and are said to look like large, wingless wasps. When encountered in the wild, it is always an excellent idea, (5) _____, to avoid close contact with them.