Develop your writing skills: using connectors and cohesive devices

1 Write a heading from the box in the correct place in the table.

adding information ■ giving examples ■ showing contrast ■ showing reason ■ showing result

such as	also	but	therefore	as a result of
for example	moreover	although	as a consequence	owing to
like	in addition	despite	so	since

2 Write a word or phrase from the box in the bottom row of the table in exercise 1.

additionally ■ because ■ consequently ■ for instance ■ however

3 Write a word or phrase from the table in exercise 1 in each gap. There may be more than one correct answer.

1 A school-leaver may have learned a lot from books. _____, there is no substitute for seeing things first hand.

2 My brother worked his way around the world in his gap year. He did various jobs _____ dishwasher, waiter, cleaner and cook.

3 I couldn't afford to go straight to university, _____ I spent my gap year working and saving up.

4 If you go to another country, you see a different culture. _____, you get a new perspective on your own country.

5 It is not always good to go straight from school to university _____ you don't get a chance to broaden your horizons first.

4 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Write no more than four words in each gap.

1 Keith wants to visit China as well as Australia.

addition

In _____, Keith wants to visit China.

2 Although travelling is enjoyable, it is expensive.

despite

_____ enjoyable, travelling is expensive.

3 Because of her journey around the world, Lana decided to study journalism.

result

Lana decided to study journalism _____ her journey round the world.

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4 You can look for summer work in places like hotels and summer camps.

such

Places _____ and summer camps are good for finding summer work.

5 He spent his gap year working and, consequently, didn't enjoy it much.

as

He spent his gap year working and, _____, didn't enjoy it much.

lt of

5 Read the email and circle the correct words or phrases.

Dear Mum and Dad,

Hope you're both well! Sorry I didn't write before – I've been (1) **so / such** busy that I haven't had a chance. America is great – at least the small part I've seen, (2) **because / because of** I haven't seen much. We spent one day in New York and we had to leave for the summer camp early the next day, (3) **since / so** we couldn't stay out very late. We managed to see most of the sights, such (4) **as / like** the Empire State Building and Times Square (see attached photo).
We spent all day today learning our duties at the summer camp, (5) **although / despite** the fact that we were exhausted. But there's no other day to do it (6) **since / due to** the kids arrive tomorrow.

I'm off to bed now to collapse!
Love,
Kim



6 Read the paragraph and replace each word or phrase in bold with a pronoun or relative pronoun.

The gap year has become the rule rather than the exception for students. Maybe this is because (1) **students** know a degree is going to cost them so much, due to (2) **a degree's** rising cost. Though more and more use (3) **the gap year** to save money to help with living expenses at university, many spend their gap year travelling. Travel brochure destinations are the most popular – exotic (4) **destinations** like Thailand and India. Other students buy a round-the-world ticket. How can they afford (5) **a round-the-world ticket**? Sometimes their parents give them a reward for studying so hard, (6) **and that money** is enough to pay for it. Others take on two or three jobs over the summer and use the money from (7) **the jobs** to pay the air fare. Finally, there are the adventurers, (8) **and they** just pack a bag and head off into the unknown.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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