Discourse Markers

Adding surprising additional information or arguments	as a matter of fact in fact
Balancing contrasting ideas	whereas on the other hand
Changing the subject	by the way incidentally
To change the direction of a conversation	talking of
To introduce the most important point	basically
To introduce a fact that is very clear to understand	obviously of course
To say something again in another way	In other words
Making something clear or give more details	I mean
Introduce an argument that the other person may not have thought of	after all
To introduce a positive point after negative information	at least
To introduce the idea that what you said before is less important than what you are about to say now	anyway in any case besides
To make a seemingly true statement	apparently supposedly
To generalize	On the whole
To say what the result would be if something did not happen or if the situation were different	otherwise

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Fill in the missing discourse markers.

at least, talking of, I mean, otherwise, by the way, whereas, obviously, on the whole, in fact, besides, as a matter of fact, basically, anyway, after all, apparently, in other words, on the other hand

1. I like coffee my husband likes tea.
2. John might be lazy but he doesn't drink.
3. Paul has has bought himself a new car.

   Has he? Paul, where is he working these days?
4. it is important to learn to speak English because it is the international language.
5. She's very selfish. , she never thinks about other people at all.
6. She didn't do very well in her exams. , she failed outright!
7. I don't think I will go to the party. I don't like parties, and I don't feel very well.
8. Well, I think you should visit her more often. she is your mother!
9. His concert didn't go very well. Many people walked out before the end.

   Oh? So, it was a complete disaster!
10. We didn't go camping because I had too much work. the weather was absolutely awful.
11. What does your job entail?

    Well, I have to develop new software for the company.
12. I think women are better drivers than men.
13. Don't forget to turn the stove off the food will be burnt.
14. We won't be able to go on the picnic because it is going to rain tomorrow.
15. Okay, we'll meet for coffee then? I hope you haven't forgotten that you owe me some money!
16. On the one hand, I like her, but she can be very irritating sometimes.
17. Who do you think are better cooks? Men or women?

    Well, I think men are better cooks than women.
18. Yes, I have been to London. I am going there again next week

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