

EXERCISE 3 CONNECTORS

GRAMMAR NOTES 2-5 Read this segment of a radio broadcast. Complete the sentences with the connectors from the box. Use each connector once.

first	in addition	meanwhile	otherwise	therefore
however	in fact	next	second	

Next
1. _____, we focus on the aftermath of the recent earthquake. Investigators have determined that it will cost approximately eight billion dollars to rebuild damaged highways. According to the governor, two actions have to be taken: _____ 2. _____, the federal government will have to approve disaster funds to pay for reconstruction; _____ 3. _____, insurance investigators will need to determine how much their companies will have to pay in the rebuilding effort. With luck, the governor says, some key highways could be rebuilt within six months. He cautioned, _____ 4. _____, that the six-month figure is only an estimate. The process cannot move forward without funds from insurance companies, and certain insurance companies have been slow to approve such funds in the past. The rebuilding effort could, _____ 5. _____, drag on for at least a year. _____ 6. _____, bad weather could prevent the speedy completion of the project. Listeners may remember that after the last earthquake, repair projects took much longer than government officials had predicted. _____ 7. _____, it is taking some people as long as four hours to commute to work, and others haven't been able to get to work at all.

Interviewed by our news team, one commuter who works in an office downtown said, "It took me three hours to drive to work last Friday. I knew I'd have to find some other way of getting there; _____ 8. _____, I'd never make it. Well, yesterday the train got me there in fifty minutes, and the trip was really pleasant. I even had the chance to read the morning paper. _____ 9. _____, I'm going to switch permanently to the train. Hopefully, my memories of traffic jams will be just that: memories."