

Linking Words

Choose the correct answers.

___ (1) historians, people were very superstitious in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. ___ (2), people were terrified of witches, and ___ (3), thought they were ___ (4) the devil. ___ (5) witchcraft was considered to be one of the most serious crimes. ___ (6) anyone even suspected of being a witch was hunted down and ___ (7) put to death by hanging or by being burnt at the stake. ___ (8) these facts, one would think that they had some proof that these women were ___ (9) witches, and ___ (10) they didn't. ___ (11), there wasn't any real way of identifying a witch. ___ (12) they made up ways of identifying them. ___ (13), any natural marks ___ (14) moles or birthmarks, were thought to be "witch" marks. ___ (15), they used another terrible method of testing a "witch". They tied her up and ___ (16) threw her into the river. ___ (17), it was thought that the guilty would float (because people ___ (18) believed that water rejected evil) ___ (19) the innocent would drown. ___ (20) those who floated, they were later killed anyway. It wasn't until the late seventeenth century, as scientific knowledge increased, that belief in witchcraft ___ (21) began to fade, and the "witch laws" were ___ (22) abolished in 1736. ___ (23) the last English execution, that was in Exeter in 1684.

1. Specifically Concerning According to
2. As a matter of fact In the same way
On the other hand
3. as well as too furthermore
4. likewise like similarly
5. Nevertheless Consequently However
6. Thus Otherwise Particularly
7. secondly afterwards last but not least
- 8 With regard Altogether Considering
- 9 to tell you the truth indeed especially
- 10 however yet but
- 11 As a result Otherwise In fact
- 12 For this reason In this case
In other words
- 13 Similarly Such as For instance
- 14 such as as for but for
- 15 What is more In addition to
On the whole
- 16 second after that initially
- 17 Therefore In conclusion
Strangely enough
- 18 both actually besides
- 19 and as otherwise
- 20 Besides As for Except
- 21 eventually lastly then
- 22 last but not least yet finally
- 23 To summarise With regard to
In the end