

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