

Connectives Practice Questions

ESL Week 18

A. Gap Fill (Choose the best connective)

Choose a suitable contrast or purpose connective to complete each sentence.

1. Many people want to protect rainforests, _____ some companies continue to cut them down.
2. Solar panels are installed on rooftops _____ homes can produce their own electricity.
3. We turned off the lights _____ save energy.
4. Fossil fuels are still widely used; _____, they cause serious environmental damage.
5. The government created national parks _____ protect endangered animals.
6. Wind energy is renewable, _____ coal is a non-renewable resource.

B. Contrast or Purpose?

Choose the correct *reason* for each connective being used.

6. The factory closed early **so** that pollution levels would decrease.
7. Electric cars are expensive, **but** they are better for the environment.
8. Trees are planted in cities **in order to** improve air quality.
9. Plastic is convenient; **however**, it creates long-term waste.
10. The river was cleaned **to** protect local wildlife.

C. Paragraph Completion

Complete the paragraph using appropriate contrast or purpose connectives.

Use each connective only once.

(however / in order to / although / so that)

Many countries are investing in renewable energy _____ reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. _____ renewable energy is cleaner, it can be expensive to set up at first. Governments offer financial support

_____ companies are encouraged to invest. _____, the long-term benefits are greater than the costs

D. Choosing the BEST Connective

Choose the best connective and explain why.

Example:

We use public transport _____ reduce pollution.

Answer: to — because the sentence shows a purpose.

11. We wanted to protect the forest, _____ the road was still built.

Options: so / but

Chosen connective: _____

Why? _____

12. The school installed solar panels _____ it could lower energy costs.

Options: so that / however

Chosen connective: _____

Why? _____

E. Challenge

Rewrite the sentences using a different connective, but keep the meaning.

13. Wind power is clean, but it depends on the weather.

→ _____

14. The law was changed so that animals would be protected.

→ _____