

Subordinators and transitions to compare and contrast

Exercise 1

**Instructions:** Read the sentences and choose the answer that correctly identifies the nature of the underlined transition/subordinator in each of the following sentences:

1. **Because** a water main downtown broke this morning, several businesses had no water for hours.
  - a) Time
  - b) Comparison
  - c) Cause and effect
  
2. **Even though** most Americans are primarily concerned about obesity as it exists in the U.S., it should be remembered that it is now nearly a worldwide disease.
  - a) Time
  - b) Contrast
  - c) Comparison
  
3. Larry will probably be a late bloomer socially, **just like** his older brothers.
  - a) Time
  - b) Contrast
  - c) Comparison
  - d) Cause and effect
  
4. Rock climbing takes much practice and skill. **In the same way**, learning to write will requires a great deal of practice.
  - a) Time
  - b) Condition
  - c) Comparison
  
5. In wealthy nations, electricity is distributed through a power grid **whereas** in developing countries, electricity is less common and people depend on burning wood or kerosene for heat and light.
  - a) Comparison
  - b) Contrast
  - c) Condition
  
6. **Although** extending the power grid to remote areas is possible, it takes years and can be expensive.
  - a) Condition
  - b) Comparison
  - c) Contrast

## Exercise 2

**Instructions:** Read the sentences and choose the answer that correctly identifies the appropriate transition word or subordinator. Then select the adverb clause.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the invention of television, people probably spent more of their leisure time reading.

- a) Unless
- b) Because
- c) Before

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm allergic to flowers, my boyfriend bought a bouquet of roses.

- a) When
- b) Because
- c) Even though

3. Math was hard for me in high school. \_\_\_\_\_, it is hard in college.

- a) Likewise
- b) Because
- c) Whereas

4. Houseplants require much care and attention; \_\_\_\_\_, outdoor plants must be cared properly.

- a) Though
- b) Since
- c) Similarly

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Manny's car stereo was on full blast, I could see his lips moving.

- a) Although
- b) While
- c) Because