Reading and Writing Unit 4

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

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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

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