Exercise 6

Read the information. Then look at the discourse markers in the box. What are their functions? Complete the table with the discourse markers. The first one has been done for you.

Knowing and correctly using a variety of *discourse markers* in the IELTS Speaking test can help improve your Fluency and Coherence mark. Higher level students should be able to correctly use more complex discourse markers and include them in some of their answers.

Make sure you are clear on what the function of a discourse marker is and also how to correctly use it in a sentence. The best way to achieve this is through practice.

in the end	having said that	that said	on the other hand	in a nutshell
this means that	I would add that	in short	consequently	furthermore
one reason for this is	ultimately	whereas	in addition to this / that	
as a result				

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adding information to a previous point	giving a reason based on the previous point
on top of that	

making a contrast or concession based on the previous point	summarising what you have said

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