

Linking Words & Punctuation:

Restoring the Passage

Complete the descriptive passage below about a hidden coffee farm in the Andes. Fill each blank with the best linking word from the bank, and add the correct punctuation (periods . and commas ,) where indicated.

Word Bank: because | however | in addition | later | so | on the other hand | finally

Part 1: Fill in the Transitions and Punctuation



1. My grandfather's coffee farm in Salento is a truly magical place. I love waking up early there **[a]** _____ the morning air feels crisp and fresh.

[b] _____ thick clouds of white mist completely cover the green hillsides at dawn. The morning can feel quite cold and damp **[c]** _____ the midday sun brings warm, golden light across the plantation.

We usually spend the morning picking ripe red coffee cherries together. By midday, we normally have filled five heavy baskets **[d]** _____ we carry them down to the wooden patio to dry.

[e] _____ we often drink fresh lemonade on the porch while watching the green parrots fly past the wax palms.

[f] _____ as the sun slips behind the mountains, the farm becomes completely silent under a sky full of bright stars.

Part 2: Punctuation Rules Check

Choose the option that uses linking words and punctuation **correctly**.

2. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

☐ **A.** This trail is steep. However climbers usually reach the summit before noon.

☐ **B.** This trail is steep, however climbers usually reach the summit before noon.

☐ **C.** This trail is steep. However, climbers usually reach the summit before noon.

☐ **D.** This trail is steep however, climbers usually reach the summit before noon.

3. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

☐ **A.** In addition, colorful birds gather near the river at sunset.

☐ **C.** In addition colorful birds, gather near the river at sunset.

☐ **B.** In addition colorful birds gather near the river at sunset.

☐ **D.** In addition, colorful birds gather, near the river at sunset.

Part 3: Sentence Fixer

Rewrite the run-on sentence below. Add one linking word from the box and proper punctuation (a period and a comma).

The mountain path is muddy and slippery we decide to continue our hike to the waterfall.
