

Transition Words Exercise

Always ask yourself what the exact relationship is between the sentences or parts of sentences. Are you leading to the result of something? Are you making a deduction? Are you introducing some contradictory evidence or ideas? Your choice of word or phrase obviously depends on this. And always check in a good dictionary if you're not quite sure about a word's use or its position in a sentence. Remember that punctuation will affect what you use.

1 Polls show that Tony Blair is the most popular Prime Minister this century. _____, there are even members of his own party who are uneasy with his approach.

In particular However For instance

2 There are some slight variations in temperature, but _____ 26 to 27°C should be expected.

consequently otherwise as a rule

3 The two main Channel Islands, _____ Jersey and Guernsey, are much closer to France than to England.

for example namely in particular

4 It was announced that nurses' working hours would be increased by 25%. _____, even fewer trainee nurses are expected to join the profession.

As a result So that Likewise

5 Sales of CDs have experienced a small but steady fall over the past 12 months. _____, vinyl records have seen an increase in their share of the market, up to 1.7%.

Above all Correspondingly In contrast

6 The Vice Chancellor explained that in light of the current financial climate and because of unexpected bad debts, it would be necessary to peg salary levels at their current level for all grades of staff. _____, no-one was getting a pay rise.

Nevertheless In other words Similarly

7 It is clear, therefore, that the situation in Brazil will improve only slowly. _____ the economic problems being experienced in Japan, the outlook is slightly more optimistic.

Furthermore In comparison With reference to

8 In order to try to reduce car use in the inner cities, the government has announced new restrictions on company parking spaces and _____, a new tax on individual car use.

as well as in addition in the same way

9 Essays must be handed in by the deadline, _____ they will not be marked.

obviously otherwise as a result

10 _____ it has been shown that fractures can occur at even relatively low pressures, the use of the material should not be completely discounted.

Nevertheless Because Even though