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TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

Transitional words and phrases connect and relate ideas, sentences, and paragraphs. They assist in the logical flow of ideas. Some of the more commonly used connectives are listed below. Note especially how these connections function to develop, relate, connect, and move ideas. I would like you to use some of them (ones you haven't used before) in the composition you will be handing in next week. Look up in the dictionary that you don't know.

1. To signal addition of ideas:

and, also, besides, further, furthermore, too, moreover, in addition, then, of equal importance, equally important, another

2. To signal an example:

for example, to illustrate, for instance, to be specific, such as, moreover, furthermore, just as important, similarly, in the same way

3. To show results:

as a result, hence, so, accordingly, as a consequence, consequently, thus, since, therefore, for this reason, because of this

4. To signal purpose:

to this end, for this purpose, with this in mind, for this reason, for these reasons

5. To signal comparisons:

like, in the same (like) manner or way, similarly, likewise

6. To indicate contrast:

but, in contrast, conversely, however, still, nevertheless, nonetheless, yet, and yet, on the other hand, of course, on the contrary, or, in spite of this, actually, now, notwithstanding, for all that, strangely enough, ironically

7. To intensify:

above all, first and foremost, importantly, again, to be sure, indeed, in fact, as a matter of fact, as I have said, as has been noted

8. To summarize or repeat:

in summary, to sum up, to repeat, briefly, in short, finally, on the whole, therefore, as I have said, in conclusion, as you can see

Circle the letter that correctly identifies the nature of the underlined transition in each of the following sentences.

1. A water main downtown broke this morning, so several businesses had no water for hours.

a. addition b. time c. comparison d. cause and effect

2. Even though most Canadians are concerned about unemployment, it should be remembered that it is now nearly a worldwide problem.

a. addition b. time c. contrast d. comparison

3. Luke will probably be a late bloomer socially, just like his older brothers.

a. time b. contrast c. comparison d. cause and effect

4. There are ways you can make boring tasks more pleasant. For instance, bring a portable radio and listen to music on the earphones while you work.

a. contrast b. comparison c. illustration/example d. cause and effect

5. The lazy checkout clerk forced the six-pack of cola into the bottom of the bag, tearing it. Then she shrugged her shoulders and said, "I guess you'll have to carry the bag from the bottom."

a. time b. contrast c. comparison d. illustration/example

6. Science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke correctly predicted that satellites would be used for communication. Moreover, in 1947 he correctly predicted that 1959 would be the year the first rocket to the moon was launched.

a. addition b. time c. contrast d. cause and effect

7. Some people in New Jersey built their houses very close to the shoreline. Consequently, they have had to spend a lot of money trying to protect their property from the sea.

a. addition b. contrast c. illustration/example d. cause and effect

8. Running can make people more aware of their physical surroundings, such as the scent of honeysuckle or the changing moods of the trees.

a. addition b. contrast c. illustration/example d. cause and effect

9. Residents complain bitterly about potholes in the streets and sloppy trash pick-up, yet these same people resist paying higher taxes for the improvement of these services.

a. time b. contrast c. comparison d. illustration/example

10. Telephone interviewing allows for a large number of responses in a short time and at relatively low cost. Moreover, the method permits interviewers to reach respondents at specific times of the day,

a. addition b. time c. contrast d. comparison

Circle the letter of the word that that best fits as the transition word or phrase. Then underline the kind of transition that word is.

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

a. Nevertheless b. Because c. Before

The transition word indicates: addition, cause and effect, time

2. If you're having company for dinner, try to get as much done in advance as possible. _____, set the table the day before.

a. For instance b. In contrast c. Similarly

The transition word indicates: illustration/example, comparison, contrast

3. _____ I'm very allergic to flowers, my boyfriend bought a bouquet of roses.

a. Until b. Because c. Even though

The transition word indicates: time, contrast, addition

4. My grandfather loves to say, "You're as nervous _____ a long-tailed cat in a roomful of rocking chairs."

a. after b. as c. as a result

The transition word indicates: cause and effect, time, comparison

5. _____ Manny's car stereo was on full blast, I could see his lips moving, but I had no idea what he was saying.

a. Moreover b. Because c. Just as

The transition word indicates: comparison, addition, cause and effect

Fact or opinion

1. The standard of living has gone down in the last fifteen years.

A) Fact B) Opinion

2. Teenagers must pass the written driving test before the practical driving part.

A) Fact B) Opinion

3. Admission courses are designed to prepare students for higher education.

A) Fact B) Opinion

4. Living in the countryside is the only way to enjoy life.

A) Fact B) Opinion

5. If you live in Toronto, you have to be able to use the TTC.

A) Fact B) Opinion

6. Local councilors should spend more time listening to residents and less time listening to each other.

A) Fact B) Opinion

7. MPPs are elected for a period of five years.

A) Fact B) Opinion

8. Finding somewhere to live is a lengthy and annoying business.

A) Fact B)

9. There are 100s of members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Commons.

A) Fact B) Opinion

10. Canadian professional football puts too much emphasis on money.

A) Fact B) Opinion

Assignment: Compare and contrast essay will be due in a couple weeks. If you haven't chosen a topic, choose one from the list below. Be sure to do some research so you know something about your subjects.

City Life and Suburb Life
Commercial Movies and Documentaries
Deserts and Forests
Desktop Computers and Laptop Computers
Ebooks and Paper Books
Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter
Wireless Internet Access and Cable Internet
Wrestling and Kick Boxing

Write out a thesis statement for two of these topics; pick appropriate categories:

1.

2. Yours:

Facts and Opinions

Write complete sentences.

<p>1. Write a fact using the word <i>assesses</i>.</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/>
<p>2. Write an opinion using the word <i>clasp</i>.</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/>
<p>3. Write an opinion using the word <i>signal</i>.</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/>

4. Write a fact using the word *biodegradable*.

5. Write an opinion using the word *explore*.

6. Write a fact using the word *acceleration*.

Choose the best word for each space in this sample comparison and contrasting paragraph that uses the point-by-point method.

however likewise another difference similarly whereas
also while but on the other hand

Even though Arizona and Rhode Island are both states of the U.S., they are different in many ways. For example, the physical size of each state is different. Arizona is large, having an area of 114,000 square miles, _____ Rhode Island is only about a tenth the size, having an area of only 1,214 square miles. _____ is in the size of the population of each state. Arizona has about four million people living in it, _____ Rhode Island has less than one million. The two states also differ in the kinds of natural environments that each has. For example, Arizona is a very dry state, consisting of large desert areas that do not receive much rainfall every year. _____ Rhode Island is located in a temperate zone and receives an average of 44 inches of rain per year. In addition, _____ Arizona is a landlocked state and thus has no seashore, Rhode Island lies on the Atlantic Ocean and does have a significant coastline.

Make corrections to your mystery story and bring it on a USB flash drive to next class so it can be added to our writing website. If you have any images you wish to include, bring them.