**Linking Words/ Transitional Phrases**

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| accordingly   also  anyway  besides  certainly  consequently  finally  furthermore  hence  however  incidentally   indeed  instead  likewise | meanwhile  moreover  nevertheless  next   nonetheless  now  otherwise  similarly  still  then  thereafter  therefore  thus  undoubtedly |

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| in addition  in contrast  for example  for instance | of course  as a result   in other words  as a result |

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| Relationship | English Transition Words and Phrases |
| **Adding information** | also, and, as well, besides, equally important, finally, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then, too |
| **Comparing ideas** | in like manner, in the same way, likewise, similarly |
| **Conceding a point** | agreed, certainly, granted, obviously, of course, to be sure |
| **Contrasting ideas** | at the same time, but, conversely, even so, even though, however, in contrast, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the one hand, on the other hand, still, yet |
| **Providing an example** | as an illustration, as can be seen by, for example, for instance, in other words, namely, specifically, to illustrate |
| **Relating time and order of ideas** | afterward, before, currently, eventually, finally, first, (second, third, fourth, fifth?), immediately, in the future, in the past, later, less important, meanwhile, most important, next, often, sometimes, soon, subsequently, then, today, when |
| **Resulting from the previous idea** | accordingly, as a result, consequently, so, thereby, therefore, thus |
| **Showing relative location** | adjacent, at the side, between, here, in the back, in the background, in the distance, in the foreground, in the front, nearby, there, to the side |
| **Summarizing ideas** | finally, hence, in brief, in conclusion, in short, in summary, that is, that is to say, to sum up |

Example:

Fill in the blanks with the following linking words/phrases.

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| however / furthermore/ for this reason / due to /first/ at present |

Students gain weight in their first year of college. (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, health professionals saw that students had easy access to food (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ college meal plans. The cafeterias usually offer buffet style food with a wide variety of food, including junk food. (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, students may make less healthy choices. (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as students get less exercise, they don't burn enough calories. (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, health professionals at colleges and universities are helping to educate their students so that they do not gain weight.

Answer:

a) however ,b) due to, c) for this reason, d)Furthermore, e) at present