

Short Transitions Exercises Answer Key SAT

Choose the correct answer from the following options

1. For the past couple of months, Ralph has been trying to change his diet into a healthier one. Regardless, he uses honey instead of sugar, eats fruit for dessert instead of cake, and drinks water instead of soda or juice.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. However,
 - c. Furthermore,
 - d. **For example**

Choice D is the best answer because it is the best transitional phrase that connects the two sentences together. The prepositional phrase “for example” indicates that the second sentence will be examples of how Ralph has been changing his diet. All the other choices do not indicate this relationship between the two sentences.

2. In the wild, dogs need to have the intelligence and patience to work together as a pack to hunt down prey. My dog, moreover, would definitely struggle to survive as the only things he seems to be good at are sleeping and eating.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. **however**
 - c. furthermore
 - d. after all

Choice B is the best answer. The adverb “however” is correctly used to indicate that regardless of the fact that wild dogs are intelligent and patient, the author’s dog is not. Choices A, C, and D are incorrect because they do not appropriately indicate the relationship between the two sentences.

3. She sang the piece’s first thirty measures, evoking feelings of tranquility, for the end of the year concert. Moreover, to ensure that the high notes were on pitch, she pre-recorded the hard measures in a studio and played the recordings while mouthing the words during the actual concert.
 - a. NO CHANGE
 - b. **However**
 - c. Also
 - d. Although

Choice B is the correct answer as it creates an appropriate transition from the fact that she sang some parts of the song live to the fact that she lip-synced to the harder parts of the song. Choices A and C are transitions that provide addition rather than contrast. Choice D does not make a complete sentence.

4. It wasn’t until she was formally diagnosed as allergic to peanuts and not almonds that Molly understood where her seemingly random rashes were coming from. For instance,

Molly had believed it was safe for her to eat almond butter but not peanut butter. (Test 4, 17)

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. Up until then**
- c. In addition
- d. Therefore

Choice B is the best answer. The transition “up until then” indicates that prior to that time, Molly had believed in something else which is consistent with the context of this sentence.

5. A successful elementary school teacher must be able to not only explain concepts in a simple manner but also to be able to deal with tantrums. Likewise, anyone who wants to become one must be a patient person.

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. Although
- c. Consequently**
- d. However

Choice C is the correct answer because patience is an important skill to have as an elementary school as established in the previous sentence. The transition “consequently” best illustrates the fact that anyone considering this field must have this skill in order to be successful at their job.

6. Among the ways to change up the way a sandwich tastes is a switch in sandwich meat. Thus, one can swap out one’s regular bread choice with another to experience different flavors without compromising the sandwiches core components.

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. Nevertheless,
- c. Alternatively,**
- d. Finally,

Choice C is the best answer because the transitional adverb “alternatively” appropriately indicates that what follows will describe an option to switch up sandwich of changing breads instead of the option previously suggested (switching meat).

7. Though turkey bacon is leaner than pork bacon, it also has less protein. Also, because it is more expensive, some people say that turkey bacon is not any better than pork bacon.

- a. NO CHANGE**
- b. Thus
- c. Therefore
- d. For instance

Choice A is the best answer because it correctly introduces additional information about turkey bacon by using the transition “also.”

8. Typically, wolf pups begin to venture out of the den in late spring. For example, the pack that scientists were following in Yellowstone National park had a group of pups that didn’t leave the safety of home until early June, the latest date on record. (Test 1, 14)

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. However,**
- c. In addition,
- d. Likewise

Choice B is the correct answer because the conjunctive adverb “however” best represents the relationship between the two sentences. It correctly indicates that what follows is an exception to the general cases of wolf pups leaving the den that were earlier described.

9. Generally stereotyped as a major that isn’t useful career-wise, mathematics is actually a very practical field that teaches student how to problem solve. In broad terms, the mathematics majors prepares students in hard fields such as topology and number theory, and trains their brains for detailed analysis.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. For instance,**
 - c. Alternatively,
 - d. Still,

Choice B is the best answer because it provides a phrases that provides an example as to how mathematics is a practical field.

10. Many marine mammals live in below freezing temperature of the ocean water and, however, have evolved to have a thick layer fat to keep warm.
- a. alternatively
 - b. likewise
 - c. as a result**
 - d. effectively

Choice C is the best answer because by observing the information before and after the transition, we can see that the relationship between the two is a cause-and-effect relationship. Only choice c, properly expresses this relationship.

11. Conditions in Death Valley are too harsh for many forms of life to survive, whereas the extreme temperatures, lack of water and vegetation, and dryness make it so only small mammals and insects can thrive.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. survive; however, the extreme temperatures,
 - c. survive, so the extreme temperatures,
 - d. survive: the extreme temperatures,**

Choice D is the best answer because the two halves of the sentences discuss similar ideas with the second half being a expansion on the first sentence. Choices A and B are incorrect because the second half is not contradicting the ideas presenting in the first half. Choice C is incorrect because the second half is not a result of the first half.

12. Because Joe's hearing aid is an insert for his ear and not an implant inside the cochlea, Joe can choose to remove the hearing at any time he pleases. Despite this, Joe has the ability to have complete silence whenever he needs to concentrate.
- a. NO CHANGE
 - b. In other words
 - c. Particularly
 - d. **Therefore**

Choice D is the best answer because the transition "therefore" indicates that what follows will be a result of what was said earlier--in this case the fact that Joe can choose to remove his hearing aid. Choices C and D are incorrect because "in other words" and "particularly" indicates that what follows will be an elaboration of the first phrase. Choice A is incorrect because "despite this" means that in spite of what was already said, what follows will be the case, which is incorrect within the context of this sentence.

Identify the type of transition as either continuers, contradictors, or as cause-and-effect:

Also → continuer
Instead → contradictor
Rather → contradictor
However → contradictor
As a result → cause-and-effect
In fact → continuer
Indeed → continuer
Nevertheless → contradictor
Therefore → cause-and-effect
Likewise → continuer
Accordingly → cause-and-effect
For → cause-and-effect
But → contradictors
And → continuers
Still → contradictors