

Transitions Quiz Key

Transitions help clarify the relationships between ideas. Your choice of transitional words and phrases depends on whether you are contradicting a previous idea, leading to a result, making a deduction, or adding an idea. Notice the punctuation used with transitions.

Insert the best transition in the following sentences.

1. Polls show that the President is the most popular the US has had this century.
_____, some members of even his own party are dissatisfied with his performance.
In particular **However** *For instance*
2. There are some minor errors in your research paper, but _____, it is informative and well written.
consequently *as a result* **overall**
3. Two of the best schools in the East, _____ Princeton and Dartmouth, have excellent MBA programs.
similarly **in particular** *therefore*
4. The airline announced that flight attendants' schedules would increase by ten hours next year.
_____, many employees are planning to strike.
Likewise **As a result** *Nevertheless*
5. The air quality in Atlanta is expected to improve slowly over the next few years.
_____, there seems to be no solution to the pollution problem in Los Angeles.
On the other hand *Consequently* *Furthermore*
6. Sales of fur coats have experienced a steady decline over the past few years.
_____, sales of fleece coats have risen substantially.
Correspondingly *In general* **In contrast**
7. The CEO explained that because of a weak economy and bad debts, it would be necessary to freeze salaries of employees. _____, no one will get a pay raise.
Similarly *For example* **In other words**
9. Yolanda did not submit her paper by the deadline; _____, she did not receive full credit.
therefore *although* *similarly*
10. Research has shown that honest communication improves doctor-patient relationships.
_____, improvements in nurses' training will benefit health care.
In addition *As a result* *Even though*