

Transitions Quiz

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.

Directions: 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