

Advanced Discourse Markers

Markers for result, addition, structuring, reformulation, emphasis

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Discourse markers organise formal writing by linking ideas logically.

1 Result & Addition Markers

EASY

Choose the correct discourse marker.

Word bank: Consequently / Furthermore / However

1. Demand fell. ____, costs rose. (result)

3. Many failed. ____, John succeeded.

5. She won. ____, she set a record.

7. It rained. ____, they cancelled.

9. Sales grew. ____, profits rose.

2. It was late. ____, it was cold.

4. Costs rose. ____, output fell.

6. Data shows risk. ____, act now.

8. Slow progress. ____, poor morale.

10. Plan failed. ____, find a new one.

2 Structuring Markers

MEDIUM

Fill in the structuring marker.

Word bank: With regard to / In conclusion / That said

1. ____ costs, the budget is tight.

3. ____ approved, then audited.

5. ____ funding, two options exist.

7. ____, evidence shows reform needed.

9. ____ context, result is expected.

2. ____, establish the scope.

4. ____, goals were not met.

6. Good points. ____, weaknesses too.

8. ____ cost, option A wins.

10. Long study. ____, be cautious.

3 Reformulation & Emphasis

HARD

Choose the best emphasis marker.

Word bank: In other words / Above all / Admittedly

1. Insignificant. ____, no firm conclusion.

3. ____ methodology has limits.

5. Effective; ____, cost-efficient too.

7. Approved, ____ after debate.

9. Risks noted, ____ cybersecurity.

2. Issues arise, ____ data privacy.

4. Flawed: ____, a false assumption.

6. ____, consequences may be severe.

8. Broadly good. ____, failed in cities.

10. ____, approach has merit. But...

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Write the Missing Marker

VERY HARD

Write one discourse marker per gap.

1. Costs up 30%. ____, scaled back.

3. Complex. ____, many stakeholders.

5. ____ its flaws, good proposals.

7. Positive, ____ far from conclusive.

9. ____ evidence, not confirmed yet.

2. Faster. ____, far more reliable.

4. Affected: ____ HR and Finance.

6. ____ economic benefits, costs too.

8. Has merit. ____, overlooks issues.

10. ____, benefits outweigh the costs.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Result & Addition

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1 Consequently | 6 Hence |
| 2 Furthermore | 7 As a result |
| 3 However | 8 Moreover |
| 4 As a result | 9 In addition |
| 5 What is more | 10 Therefore |

2 Exercise 2 Structuring Markers

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| 1 In terms of | 6 That said |
| 2 In the first instance | 7 On the whole |
| 3 Initially / subsequently | 8 In terms of |
| 4 In conclusion | 9 In light of |
| 5 Turning to | 10 Even so |

3 Exercise 3 Reformulation & Emphasis

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| 1 In other words | 6 Above all |
| 2 in particular | 7 albeit |
| 3 It should be noted | 8 That said |
| 4 that is to say | 9 notably |
| 5 what is more | 10 Admittedly |

4 Exercise 4 Write the Missing Marker

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| 1 consequently | 6 with regard to |
| 2 what is more | 7 albeit |
| 3 that is to say | 8 that said |
| 4 namely | 9 given |
| 5 for all | 10 on the whole |