

What are Discourse Markers?

Worksheet

Discourse markers are linguistic connectors that link sentences and signal relationships, such as 'however,' 'moreover,' 'consequently,' and 'meanwhile.'

Questions

1. 'The experiment failed. ____, the team learned valuable insights.'
A) Moreover
B) However
C) Consequently
D) Meanwhile
2. Which is a cause-effect discourse marker?
A) Meanwhile
B) Nevertheless
C) Therefore
D) Initially
3. 'She worked late. ____, she completed the project on time.'
A) However
B) Certainly
C) Consequently
D) Nevertheless
4. Which is a clarification discourse marker?
A) Subsequently
B) Indeed
C) In other words
D) Furthermore
5. Add discourse marker to: 'The study showed positive results. ____, the findings were statistically significant.'
6. Choose marker for contrast: 'He studied hard. ____, he did not pass the exam.'
7. Use a time marker: '____ after the announcement, the office closed.'
8. Define: What is a discourse marker?
9. Define: Give an example of an additive discourse marker.
10. Define: Give an example of a contrastive discourse marker.

Answer Key

1. B) However — However signals unexpected contrast — failure but lessons learned.
2. C) Therefore — Therefore shows result or consequence.
3. C) Consequently — Consequently links cause (working late) to effect (finished on time).
4. C) In other words — 'In other words' restates or clarifies an idea.
5. Context: continuing to strengthen point Best choice: 'Moreover' or 'Furthermore' Complete: 'The study showed positive results. Moreover, the findings were statistically significant.'
6. Context: unexpected outcome, contrast Best choice: 'However' or 'Nevertheless' Complete: 'He studied hard. However, he did not pass the exam.'
7. Context: sequence of events Best choice: 'Subsequently' or 'Shortly' or 'Immediately' Complete: 'Subsequently after the announcement, the office closed.'
8. A word or phrase connecting sentences and showing relationships between ideas.
9. Moreover, furthermore, in addition — they add related ideas.
10. However, nevertheless, on the other hand — they show opposition.

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