

What are Discourse Markers and Connectors?

Worksheet

Discourse markers are linking words and connectors like however, therefore, moreover, and meanwhile that organize ideas and show relationships between sentences.

Questions

1. Which marker shows contrast?

- A) therefore
- B) however
- C) moreover
- D) then

2. Fill: 'I was tired; _____, I finished my homework.'

- A) however
- B) therefore
- C) furthermore
- D) meanwhile

3. Which best joins cause and effect?

- A) on the other hand
- B) as a result
- C) in addition
- D) meanwhile

4. Sequence marker for step 2?

- A) therefore
- B) next
- C) whereas
- D) moreover

5. Connect these ideas: She studied hard. (result) She passed the exam.

6. Contrast these sentences: The weather was cold. We went for a walk.

7. Sequence these events: First, boil water. Add tea. Wait 5 minutes.

8. Define: What is a discourse marker?

9. Define: Give 3 contrast markers.

10. Define: Cause-effect marker example?

Answer Key

1. B) however — however shows opposition; the others show cause-effect, addition, or sequence.
2. A) however — however shows the contrast between being tired but still working.
3. B) as a result — as a result shows a direct cause-effect link.
4. B) next — next logically follows a first step.
5. Use a cause-effect marker to show the relationship. She studied hard; therefore, she passed the exam. Or: As a result of studying hard, she passed the exam.
6. Use a contrast marker to show opposing ideas. The weather was cold; however, we went for a walk. Or: Despite the cold weather, we went for a walk.
7. First, boil the water. Then add the tea. Finally, wait 5 minutes.
8. A word or phrase connecting sentences and showing relationships between ideas.
9. however, nevertheless, on the other hand, yet, but, whereas
10. therefore, so, as a result, consequently, because of this

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