

What are Academic Discourse Markers?

Worksheet

Academic discourse markers are transitional words and phrases used in formal writing and speech to connect ideas, signal relationships, and structure arguments—examples include 'however,' 'moreover,' 'in conclusion,' and 'therefore.'

Questions

1. Which is a time/sequence marker?

- A) however
- B) subsequently
- C) nevertheless
- D) moreover

2. Complete: 'The evidence is strong; ____, more research is needed.'

- A) furthermore
- B) therefore
- C) nevertheless
- D) in short

3. What marker introduces an example?

- A) meanwhile
- B) for instance
- C) as a result
- D) hence

4. Which sentence uses a discourse marker correctly?

- A) The study was large. Moreover, it lacked resources.
- B) She arrived early. In conclusion, she waited.
- C) He failed. Therefore, he tried harder.
- D) The data showed growth. However, it grew.

5. Rewrite using a discourse marker: 'Students studied hard. They passed the exam.'

6. Use a discourse marker for contrast: 'The plan seemed efficient. It faced criticism.'

7. Complete the academic paragraph: 'First, researchers gathered data. ____, they analyzed results.'

8. Define: What is a discourse marker?

9. Define: Give three examples of contrast markers.

10. Define: What do addition markers do?

Answer Key

1. B) subsequently — 'Subsequently' means 'next in time.' It marks sequence.
2. C) nevertheless — 'Nevertheless' shows contrast—evidence is strong BUT more research needed.
3. B) for instance — 'For instance' and 'for example' introduce supporting evidence.
4. C) He failed. Therefore, he tried harder. — 'Therefore' correctly shows logical consequence—failure → trying harder.
5. Original lacks connection. Revised: 'Students studied hard; therefore, they passed the exam.' The marker 'therefore' shows cause-and-effect relationship.
6. Original idea shifts abruptly. Revised: 'The plan seemed efficient; however, it faced criticism.' 'However' signals that the second idea contradicts the first.
7. The gap needs a sequential marker. Filled: 'First, researchers gathered data. Subsequently, they analyzed results.' Both words signal logical progression of steps.
8. A word or phrase that connects ideas and guides logical flow in writing.
9. 'However,' 'nevertheless,' and 'in contrast' show opposing ideas.
10. They add supporting points: 'furthermore,' 'moreover,' 'in addition.'

Bounlu

All cards, step-by-step solutions and an AI tutor are in the Notek app.
Promy turns exam dates into automatic reminders.