

What are Discourse Markers?

Worksheet

Discourse markers are transitional words or phrases — such as 'however,' 'furthermore,' 'therefore,' and 'in contrast' — that connect ideas and show logical relationships between sentences and paragraphs.

Questions

1. Which marks contrast?
A) furthermore
B) therefore
C) however
D) moreover
2. 'Moreover' signals...
A) conclusion
B) addition
C) cause-effect
D) time sequence
3. Discourse markers improve text by...
A) making it longer
B) showing logical flow
C) replacing weak verbs
D) adding adjectives
4. 'Consequently' implies...
A) contrast
B) cause and effect
C) time order
D) addition
5. Complete: 'The film was entertaining; ___, the plot was weak.'
6. Connect these: 'He studied hard. He won the scholarship.'
7. Fill blank: 'First, mix ingredients. ___, bake at 350°F.'
8. Define: What is a discourse marker?
9. Define: Example of contrast discourse marker?
10. Define: Example of addition discourse marker?

Answer Key

1. C) however — 'However' introduces a contrasting idea; others show addition or conclusion.
2. B) addition — 'Moreover' adds another point — 'also', 'besides', 'in addition'.
3. B) showing logical flow — They guide readers through logical connections and improve coherence.
4. B) cause and effect — 'Consequently' = 'as a result' — a cause-and-effect marker.
5. Blank: however, nevertheless, yet Sentence: 'The film was entertaining; however, the plot was weak.' Reasoning: 'However' shows contrast between two ideas.
6. Discourse marker: 'as a result' or 'consequently' Sentence: 'He studied hard; as a result, he won the scholarship.' Relationship: Cause and effect.
7. Discourse marker: 'Then', 'Next', 'Subsequently' Sentence: 'First, mix ingredients. Then, bake at 350°F.' Relationship: Sequence.
8. A word or phrase that connects ideas and shows logical relationships between sentences or paragraphs.
9. 'However', 'nevertheless', 'yet', 'in contrast', 'on the other hand'.
10. 'Furthermore', 'moreover', 'in addition', 'besides', 'additionally'.

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