

What are Discourse Markers?

Worksheet

Discourse markers are transitional words that link ideas and signal relationships between sentences — examples include 'cependant' (however), 'de plus' (furthermore), and 'par conséquent' (therefore).

Questions

1. Which marker shows cause and effect?
A) Pourtant
B) Par conséquent
C) De plus
D) Ensuite
2. Complete: Il est malade. ____, il va au travail.
A) De plus
B) Cependant
C) D'abord
D) Ensuite
3. What does 'en outre' do?
A) Shows contrast
B) Adds information
C) Indicates time
D) Explains cause
4. Which is a sequence marker?
A) Pourtant
B) Finalement
C) Toutefois
D) En effet
5. Complete: Il pleut beaucoup. ____, nous allons à la plage.
6. Link these ideas: She studied hard. She passed the exam.
7. Complete: Elle parle français. ____, elle parle espagnol.
8. Define: What does 'cependant' mean?
9. Define: Name three addition discourse markers.
10. Define: What is 'par conséquent'?

Answer Key

1. B) Par conséquent — 'Par conséquent' means 'therefore' — it links cause to effect.
2. B) Cependant — 'Cependant' (however) shows contrast — going to work despite illness.
3. B) Adds information — 'En outre' means 'moreover' — it adds to what was said.
4. B) Finalement — 'Finalement' means 'finally' — it orders ideas in time.
5. Look for contrast: rain typically stops beach plans. Answer: Cependant or Pourtant (However) Full: 'Il pleut beaucoup. Cependant, nous allons à la plage.'
6. The second explains the result of the first. Use: Par conséquent or Donc (Therefore) Full: 'Elle a étudié dur. Par conséquent, elle a réussi l'examen.'
7. Adding another language — addition marker. Answer: De plus or En outre (Furthermore) Full: 'Elle parle français. De plus, elle parle espagnol.'
8. However — a contrast marker showing opposition between ideas.
9. De plus, en outre, également — all add information.
10. Therefore — a causal marker showing result or consequence.

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