

Link Ideas Using Words, Phrases, and Clauses

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I enjoy Pilates **because** it is a great full-body workout. **Similarly**, yoga also exercises your entire body.

A dog makes a great family pet. **However**, dogs do require regular exercise and plenty of space.

Circle the transition word or phrase that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Drinking water has many benefits. (But For example), water keeps our bodies hydrated.
2. I think swimming is the best form of exercise. (However Consequently), I swim three times a week.
3. Football is a popular sport. (Therefore On the other hand), many people also like baseball.
4. The movie was entertaining. (That is to say On the contrary) it had plenty of action and humor to thrill us nonstop for two full hours.
5. The food at the new restaurant was delicious. (Moreover However), it was fresh and healthy, too.
6. The new club offers students a chance to participate in local service projects. (For that reason Because) I would encourage students to join it.
7. The YMCA provides classes and activities for the whole family. (For example In contrast), there are swimming, aerobics, and dance classes.
8. The new community center is a great resource for after-school recreation. (In addition But), it offers free homework help for students.
9. We enjoyed the concert (because furthermore) it included many different types of music.
10. The musical had many highlights, (as a result but) my favorite part was the opening number.

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Agreement/Similarity: also, similarly, likewise, in the same way, moreover

Opposition/Contradiction: but, however, yet, on the other hand, in contrast, on the contrary

Clarification/Examples: because, that is to say, for example, for that reason, in other words, specifically, furthermore

Use a transition word or phrase from the box to complete each sentence.

Write it on the line.

for example	consequently	but	similarly
in other words	however	because	in addition

1. Ted’s spaghetti was quite tasty, _____ his chocolate cake for dessert was terrible.
2. Gail loves hiking in the mountains. _____, she goes hiking twice a month.
3. Many children enjoy playing games on smartphones. _____, they also enjoy using tablets to play games.
4. James loved the new science fiction movie; _____, I thought it was boring and unimaginative.
5. Fresh foods have several advantages over frozen foods.
_____, fresh foods have more nutrients, which makes them healthful.
6. The school library is a great source of books and information. _____, it provides a quiet place to read and study.
7. Maria chose this car _____ it is the most reliable and fuel efficient one she could afford.
8. The fifth-grade fund-raiser brought in over \$2,000 to pay for science camp.
_____, it was a complete success.