

Academic Words That Signal Contrast, Addition, and Logical Relationships

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Quick Review

Strong writers use **academic transition words** to signal how ideas connect. **Addition:** *furthermore, moreover, in addition*. **Contrast:** *however, on the other hand, in contrast, nevertheless*. **Cause/effect:** *therefore, consequently, as a result*. **Comparison:** *similarly, likewise*. Picking the right one shows the reader EXACTLY how your ideas relate.

PRACTICE

Choose the transition word that **BEST** completes each sentence and signals the right relationship between ideas.

- Lin studied for hours each night. _____, she still felt unprepared on the morning of the test.*
 - Therefore
 - Similarly
 - Furthermore
 - Nevertheless
- Brushing your teeth twice a day prevents cavities. _____, flossing daily protects your gums.*
 - However
 - In addition
 - On the other hand
 - In contrast
- The road was completely flooded. _____, the bus could not make its usual route.*
 - Consequently
 - Likewise
 - Nevertheless
 - Furthermore
- Many readers love mystery novels for the suspense. _____, some readers find the same suspense too stressful.*
 - Furthermore
 - Therefore
 - On the other hand
 - Likewise



5. *Mariko is fluent in Japanese and English. _____ , her sister speaks four languages.*
- A. However
 - B. Similarly
 - C. Therefore
 - D. Nevertheless
6. *The science fair has been a school tradition for thirty years. _____ , this year the principal is considering canceling it.*
- A. Therefore
 - B. Furthermore
 - C. Similarly
 - D. However
7. *Volunteers cleaned the park all morning. _____ , they painted the picnic shelters in the afternoon.*
- A. In addition
 - B. On the other hand
 - C. Nevertheless
 - D. Therefore
8. *The town raised enough money to repair the library. _____ , construction will begin next month.*
- A. Nevertheless
 - B. Likewise
 - C. As a result
 - D. However
9. *Spinach is rich in iron and vitamins. _____ , kale offers a similar nutritional punch.*
- A. Therefore
 - B. Likewise
 - C. Nevertheless
 - D. In contrast
10. *Anika practiced her speech five times. _____ , she felt confident at the assembly.*
- A. Therefore
 - B. However
 - C. On the other hand
 - D. In contrast



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D


- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D

Explanations

1. D	Lin studied a lot, AND YET she felt unprepared — that's a contrast . Nevertheless = <i>in spite of that</i> . A signals cause/effect (so the next sentence would be a result); B signals comparison; C signals addition (would mean she added more studying).
2. B	The two ideas BOTH support healthy mouths — they ADD UP. In addition signals addition. A, C, and D all signal contrast, which would falsely make the second idea oppose the first.
3. A	Cause: flooded road. Effect: the bus could not run its route. Consequently = <i>as a result</i> . B signals comparison; C signals contrast; D signals addition.
4. C	The two groups feel OPPOSITE ways about the same suspense — that's a contrast. On the other hand introduces an opposing view. A signals addition; B signals cause/effect; D signals comparison.
5. B	Both sisters speak multiple languages — the second sentence COMPARES, showing the same kind of skill. Similarly signals comparison. A and D signal contrast; C signals cause/effect.
6. D	Long tradition vs. possible cancellation — a clear contrast. However signals contrast. A signals cause/effect; B signals addition; C signals comparison.
7. A	Two helpful actions stack up — addition. In addition signals addition. B and C signal contrast (would falsely set the actions against each other); D signals cause/effect.
8. C	Cause: enough money raised. Effect: construction starts. As a result signals cause/effect. A and D signal contrast; B signals comparison.
9. B	Both leafy greens have similar nutrition — the second sentence COMPARES. Likewise signals comparison. A signals cause/effect; C and D signal contrast.
10. A	Cause: lots of practice. Effect: she felt confident. Therefore signals cause/effect. B, C, and D all signal contrast, which would falsely make confidence oppose practicing.



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