

## Transition Words Practice

Underline the best choice of transition in each sentence below:

1. Polls show that Stephen Harper is the **most popular** Prime Minister in recent Canadian history. \_\_\_\_\_, there are even members of his own party who are **uneasy with his approach**.

*In particular*

**However**

*For instance*

*The two sentences are providing contradictory or contrasting facts.*

*However is used to emphasize the contrast/contradiction between these two ideas (that Stephen Harper is **popular** with the public, and yet members of his party are **uneasy (or uncomfortable)** with his approach/actions).*

2. There are some **slight variations** in temperature, but \_\_\_\_\_ **26 to 27°C** should be expected.

*consequently*

**otherwise**

*in fact*

*The two sentences are providing contradictory or contrasting facts.*

*Otherwise helps to emphasize that the **expected temperature** is the norm in contrast to the **slight variations**.*

3. The **two main Channel Islands**, \_\_\_\_\_, Jersey and Guernsey, are much closer to France than to England.

*For example*

**namely**

*in particular*

*The sentence is provided information about the geography of specific islands.*

*Namely can used to emphasize or integrate more information about the subject of the sentence. Namely tells the reader that the following part of the sentence will provide the **literal names (Jersey and Guernsey)** of the two main Channel islands.*

4. It was announced that nurses' **working hours would be increased by 25%**. \_\_\_\_\_, even **fewer trainee nurses** are expected to join the profession.

**As a result**

*Meanwhile*

*Likewise*

*The two sentences are providing information that are correlative (one directly relates or depends on the other). In this case, the second sentence is stating a **consequence** to the situation stated in the first. As a result is used to indicate a cause and effect/consequence.*

5. Music album sales have experienced a steady decline over the past decade. \_\_\_\_\_, concert ticket sales have seen an increase in their prices, at times seeing up to a 60-70% increase.

**Above all**

**Correspondingly**

**In contrast**

*The two sentences are providing contradictory or contrasting facts. In contrast is used to indicate the contrast/contradiction between these two ideas (that music album sales are on the decline, and yet concert ticket sales are seeing an increase).*

6. The Minister of Finance explained that in light of the current financial climate and because of unexpected bad debts, it would be necessary to keep salary levels at their current level. \_\_\_\_\_, no one is getting a pay raise.

**Nevertheless**

**In other words**

**Similarly**

*The second sentence following the transition is meant to simplify or rephrase the implied outcome of the situation described in the previous sentence. In other words is used to indicate that what is to follow is a rephrasal or simplification of previous information.*

7. It is clear, therefore, that the situation in Brazil will improve only slowly. \_\_\_\_\_, the economic problems being experienced in Japan, the outlook is slightly more optimistic.

**Furthermore**

**In comparison**

**With reference to**

*The two sentences/statements are providing similar factual information. The first sentence is providing information about the economy of Brazil, while the second sentence is providing information about the economy of Japan.*

*With reference to is used to introduce additional information that can only be explained by calling attention to the information that was stated previously.*

*In this case, with reference to tells the reader that they need to consider the first scenario to understand the information provided in the second scenario.*