

Discourse Markers Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Classify the discourse marker (Q1-5)

Write its function.

Options: addition / contrast / sequence / clarification / summary

1. *furthermore* -> _____
2. *on the other hand* -> _____
3. *to begin with* -> _____
4. *in other words* -> _____
5. *to sum up* -> _____

Exercise B · Fill in the blank (Q6-10)

Use the most appropriate discourse marker.

6. The report was poorly written. ____, several facts were incorrect.
-> _____
7. She enjoyed the conference. ____, she found the networking exhausting.
-> _____
8. ____, I'd like to address the main issue.
-> _____
9. The data is unreliable. ____, we cannot draw firm conclusions.
-> _____
10. He had many achievements. ____, he remained modest.
-> _____

Discourse Markers Worksheet - Side B

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Exercise C · Rewrite using the given discourse marker (Q11-14)

Keep the same meaning.

11. She is intelligent. She also works very hard. (what is more)
-> _____
12. He failed the test. He will try again. (even so)
-> _____
13. The plan is risky. It might succeed. (having said that)
-> _____
14. The meeting went well. To explain: all targets were met. (that is to say)
-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the best discourse marker.

15. The economy is growing. ____, unemployment remains high.
(a) Furthermore (b) Nevertheless (c) Therefore
16. ____, let me give you the key figures.
(a) To sum up (b) To begin with (c) However
17. The results were impressive. ____, the cost was too high.
(a) That said (b) Therefore (c) In addition

Exercise E · Write your own sentences (Q18-20)

Use each discourse marker in a sentence.

18. 'In other words' ->
-> _____
19. 'Having said that' ->
-> _____
20. 'What is more' ->
-> _____

Answer Sheet - Discourse Markers Worksheet

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Exercise A - Classify the discourse marker

Q1-5

1. addition
2. contrast
3. sequence
4. clarification
5. summary

Exercise B - Fill in the blank

Q6-10

6. Furthermore / Moreover
7. However / That said
8. First of all / To begin with
9. Therefore / As a result
10. Nevertheless / Despite this

Exercise C - Rewrite using the given discourse marker

Q11-14

11. She is intelligent. What is more, she works very hard.
12. He failed the test. Even so, he will try again.
13. The plan is risky. Having said that, it might succeed.
14. The meeting went well. That is to say, all targets were met.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. Nevertheless
16. To begin with
17. That said

Exercise E - Write your own sentences

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20