Linking Words for Essays Worksheet: Furthermore, Whereas, Therefore

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Form	Example
Adding: in addition, furthermore, moreover, what is more	The plan is cheap. Furthermore, it is fast.
Contrast: however, on the other hand, whereas, while, nevertheless	Cities are exciting, whereas villages are calm.
Cause and result: because of, due to, therefore, as a result, consequently	Sales fell. As a result, jobs were cut.
Examples and conclusion: for instance, such as, to sum up, overall	Some sports, such as tennis, are expensive.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
Due to it was raining, the match was cancelled.	Due to the rain, the match was cancelled. / Because it was raining, the match was cancelled.
Moreover, but it is expensive.	However, it is expensive.
On the other side, cars are convenient.	On the other hand, cars are convenient.

1. Complete

Complete with the linkers in the box: however · whereas · therefore · furthermore · due to · for instance · as a result · to sum up.

1. Public transport is cheap. _____, it is better for the environment.
2. The flight was delayed _____ bad weather.
3. Some people love big cities, _____ others prefer the countryside.
4. Many jobs can be done from home. _____, programmers rarely need an office.
5. The company lost money. _____, 200 people lost their jobs.
6. Electric cars are clean. _____, they are still expensive.
7. He didn't study; _____, he failed.
8. _____, social media has advantages and disadvantages.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. (Despite / Although) the cost, the course is worth it.
2. (Because / Because of) the strike, there were no trains.
3. I like tea, (whereas / however) my sister prefers coffee.
4. The hotel was dirty. (In addition / Whereas), the staff were rude.
5. He was ill. (Consequently / Nevertheless), he went to work.
6. Some fruits, (such as / for example of) mangoes, grow in hot climates.
7. Prices rose. (As a result / Due to), sales fell.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. Due to the weather was bad, we stayed in.

2. The plan is good, however it is expensive.

3. Despite of the noise, I slept well.

4. Moreover I think it is too late.

5. He is rich whereas he is not happy. (same person, unexpected)

6. For example of this, many shops have closed.

Writing

Write a short opinion paragraph (8 sentences) on ‘Should cities ban cars from their centres?’ Use at least six different linkers.

Speaking

- Give one advantage and one disadvantage of social media, using however or on the other hand.
- Compare your city with another one, using whereas.
- What problem in your country has happened due to bad planning?
- Summarise your opinion on working from home in two sentences, starting ‘Overall,...’

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 Furthermore · 2 due to · 3 whereas · 4 For instance · 5 As a result · 6 However · 7 therefore · 8 To sum up

2. Choose: 1 Despite · 2 Because of · 3 whereas · 4 In addition · 5 Nevertheless · 6 such as · 7 As a result

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 Due to the bad weather, we stayed in. · 2 The plan is good. However, it is expensive. · 3 Despite the noise, I slept well. · 4 Moreover, I think it is too late. · 5 He is rich. However, he is not happy. / Although he is rich, he is not happy. · 6 For example, many shops have closed.

Writing, model answer: Many cities are considering banning cars from their centres. In my opinion, this is a good idea. Firstly, fewer cars would mean cleaner air. Furthermore, streets would be safer for children and cyclists. On the other hand, shop owners worry that customers will stop coming. However, studies in cities such as Oslo show that sales actually increased. Delivery vans, therefore, should have special hours. To sum up, the benefits are greater than the problems.