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1.

Our kitchen is unattractive and impractical. It has bright yellow countertops that are far too low to be comfortable, and there is not enough countertop space for cooking. Also, there is only one outlet above the countertop. The homemade cabinets are ugly and they are not well-designed. For example, one opens directly into the oven so it can't be opened all the way. In addition, there is not nearly enough storage space for food, or pots, pans, and dishes. We even had to take the doors off one of the cabinets so that the microwave would fit inside, because it had been sitting on the floor. Other problems with the kitchen include poor lighting, crumbling walls, no dishwasher, and no garbage disposal. Finally, the floor is worn and always looks dirty, and the lower half of the walls are covered with fake tile paneling. We could really use a new kitchen.

Which transition words are used in the paragraph?

- A. it, other
- B. also, finally
- C. nearly, even
- D. kitchen, cabinets

2.

John wanted to make a cake for his brother's birthday. First, John asked his brother what type of cake he liked. Then, he went to the store to buy the ingredients. Next he put everything out on the counter. He mixed the ingredients according to the directions. After the cake was done, he iced it. Finally, he cleaned up.

Which words in the paragraph are transition words?

- A. first, went, next
- B. first, then, done
- C. first, then, next
- D. first, type, then

3. Which word or phrase is **not** a transition?

- A. he
- B. but
- C. although
- D. rather than

4.

I really like my English teacher, Ms. Wily. The first reason that I like Ms. Wily is that she has made me realize how much fun it can be to read. She gets really excited when she talks about the books that we read. She has given me a new respect for my own imagination. She says it is a wonderful thing to imagine what the characters in a book look like and sound like.

Secondly, I like Ms. Wily because she makes me want to learn as much as I can. She has inspired me to work harder than I have ever worked. Now, I read all the books that are assigned.

Which word acts as a transition between the paragraphs in the passage?

- A. reason
 - B. She
 - C. Secondly
 - D. because
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5.

Sarah and Dianne went to the movies. First, they bought tickets at the window. Then, they went inside and bought popcorn. They bought soda to wash down the popcorn. They loved the movie and had a really good time.

Which transitional words are used in the paragraph?

- A. at, then
 - B. first, then
 - C. Sarah, Dianne
 - D. bought, inside
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6.

Yesterday, the whole seventh grade went on a field trip to the coast; we learned about the plants and animals that live in the ocean. There are so many different kinds of animals in the ocean, and they are all part of a delicate system that works to benefit and sustain all life. For example, the small fish eat the plants in the ocean, and then the medium-sized fish eat the small ones. Finally, the biggest fish eat the medium-sized fish. So each kind of fish gets to eat, and each species lives on. When this process is interrupted, problems arise. My science teacher says that we should all do what we can to keep from upsetting this very important system.

Which word acts as a transition in this paragraph?

- A. fish
 - B. there
 - C. sized
 - D. finally
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7.

_____ you clean your room now, you won't be going to the movies.

Which transitional word **best** completes the sentence?

- A. But
 - B. And
 - C. Unless
 - D. However
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8.

After the boys had been sitting for a little while, they began to think about what they wanted to do when they grew up. First, Rupert said that he wanted to fight crime and maybe be a detective. He had always liked the cartoon *Inspector Gadget*, and he had always liked to read mystery stories to find out how the good guys solved the puzzle. Then, John said that he wanted to be an astronaut. He wanted to be the first man to walk on Mars. His grandpa had been a pilot in the war, and he was always telling John stories about flying. They had a good time talking about their future dreams.

Which is a transitional word in this paragraph?

- A. always
 - B. how
 - C. Then
 - D. about
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9. Which transitional word would **most likely** be used to show comparison between paragraphs?

- A. again
 - B. indeed
 - C. finally
 - D. similarly
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10.

Why is Harry Potter so popular? When the latest book in the series by J.K. Rowling came out, bookstores held parties and kids and their parents stood in line to get copies. Kids who rarely read in their spare time couldn't wait to get their hands on the latest volume. What is it that makes Harry so appealing?

Well, Harry goes to a boarding school for wizards, for starters. He rides a broomstick, takes classes on how to cast spells, has a cloak that makes him invisible, and must battle an evil wizard. But he's also a normal boy. He doesn't always do his homework. He's got some obnoxious relatives. He has a fight with his best friend. Part of his appeal is that he's an ordinary kid in many ways (except for the broomstick). Harry just happens to lead a more exciting life than most!

Which word serves as a transition between the first and second paragraphs?

- A. he
 - B. but
 - C. Well
 - D. Harry
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11. Which transitional word would **most likely** be used to show contrast between paragraphs?

- A. furthermore
 - B. thereafter
 - C. likewise
 - D. however
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12.

Which transitional word BEST completes this sentence: *She was expecting to sell her car; _____, the people weren't interested in buying.*

- A. besides
 - B. currently
 - C. however
 - D. therefore
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13.

Which transitional word BEST completes the sentence below?

The bike was in fifth gear; _____, it was hard to peddle up the hill.

- A. besides
 - B. eventually
 - C. however
 - D. therefore
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14.

Which transitional word would MOST LIKELY be used to show comparison between paragraphs?

- A. although
 - B. afterward
 - C. finally
 - D. similarly
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15.

Which transitional word or words would MOST LIKELY be used to introduce examples within a paragraph?

- A. therefore
 - B. even though
 - C. to illustrate
 - D. in the meantime
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16.

The quarterback was sidelined with a broken wrist; _____, the team lost the game.

Which transitional word or words BEST completes this sentence?

- A. nevertheless
 - B. as a result
 - C. even though
 - D. conversely
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17.

Which transition word would MOST LIKELY be used to show contrast between paragraphs?

- A. afterward
 - B. another
 - C. besides
 - D. then
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18.

The instructions on a box of microwave popcorn are as follows: Center bag on turntable of microwave. Set power on high for three minutes. Stop microwave when popping begins to slow down. Bag will be hot; therefore, exercise caution.

Which of these is the transition word in the paragraph?

- A. center
 - B. exercise
 - C. follows
 - D. therefore
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19.

Which group of transitional words or phrases would be MOST effective in an essay using compare and contrast order?

- A. first, next, then, last
- B. so, in order to, since, due to
- C. therefore, thus, clearly, as a result
- D. although, however, likewise, nevertheless

Answer Key

1. B) also, finally
2. C) first, then, next
3. A) he
4. C) Secondly
5. B) first, then
6. D) finally
7. C) Unless
8. C) Then
9. D) similarly
10. C) Well
11. D) however
12. C) however
13. D) therefore
14. D) similarly
15. C) to illustrate
16. B) as a result
17. B) another
18. D) therefore
19. D) although, however, likewise, nevertheless