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Worksheet for Transition Words

Ready to practice using transition words and phrases? Remember, they link sentences together smoothly. Let's begin with two quick examples before you test your skills.

EXAMPLE (the transition words are in bold in these sentences):

- **First**, I went to school. **Then**, I played at the park.
- I went to the movie, **even though** everyone said it was scary.

PART A. Underline the correct transition word in the following sentences.

1. (Because, Before) it was raining, I didn't walk my dog this evening.
2. I love chocolate, (although, so) I eat chocolate candy whenever I can.
3. The test was really hard. (Therefore, Then), only five students passed it.
4. First, you have to answer the questions. (Next, So), you hand in your paper.
5. Ben needs to go to bed early. (Although, Otherwise), he will be late for school.
6. You will see a big tree; (further on, however) you will see a fork in the road.
7. He really loves reading. (Despite, In fact), he reads almost all the time.
8. That would not be smart. (Despite, In other words), that would be idiotic.
9. (Over, Among) the trees of the forest, the deer ran gracefully.
10. You are always late. (On the other hand, Like), you can be trusted.

PART B. Fill in the blanks with the transitional word or phrase that fits best.

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1. We need a meeting place. _____ the fountain is a good spot.
2. We have been waiting in line for 45 minutes. _____, we can buy our tickets.
3. _____ the high cost of the ticket, I am going to the concert.
4. I am his biggest fan; _____, I have all of his albums.
5. _____, I will thoroughly enjoy the show.

Answer Key: Worksheet for Transition Words

Check students' work against the answers provided here.

PART A. The correct answers are underlined in each item below.

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PART B. The correct terms from the word list have been placed in each item below.

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1. We need a meeting place. In front of the fountain is a good spot.
2. We have been waiting in line for 45 minutes. Finally, we can buy our tickets.
3. Despite the high cost of the ticket, I am going to the concert.
4. I am his biggest fan; After all, I have all of his albums.
5. In any event, I will thoroughly enjoy the show.