EXERCISE #1: Writing your own paragraph using transitions
Write a paragraph in which you classify the general school subjects you like, subjects you have studied or are now studying in school (for example, chemistry, English, and so forth). Then describe one or two courses, giving details about what you have learned in class. (SUGGESTION: You can begin to classify subjects by dividing them into science subjects, foreign-language subjects, etc.) Use transitions to add information, to show effect or result, to give an example, etc. You can handwrite this assignment.

EXERCISE #2: Choose the transition that best expresses the relationship between the sentences.

1 Polls show that Tony Blair is the most popular Prime Minister this century. __________ , there are even members of his own party who are uneasy with his approach.

   In particular    However    For instance

2 There are some slight variations in temperature, but __________ 26 to 27ºC should be expected.

   consequently    otherwise    as a rule

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

   for example    namely    in particular

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    So that    Likewise
Sales of CDs have experienced a small but steady fall over the past 12 months. Correspondingly, vinyl records have seen an increase in their share of the market, up to 1.7%.

Above all
Correspondingly
In contrast

The Vice Chancellor explained that in light of the current financial climate and because of unexpected bad debts, it would be necessary to peg salary levels at their current level for all grades of staff. Consequently, no-one was getting a pay rise.

Nevertheless
In other words
Similarly

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

In order to try to reduce car use in the inner cities, the government has announced new restrictions on company parking spaces and, a new tax on individual car use.

as well as
in addition
in the same way

Essays must be handed in by the deadline, they will not be marked.

obviously
otherwise
as a result

it has been shown that fractures can occur at even relatively low pressures, the use of the material should not be completely discounted.

nevertheless
because
Even though

obviously
otherwise
as a result
EXERCISE #2: Now, use what you have learned to complete the following paragraphs by adding the appropriate transitions.

Addition:
We have seen the movie twice, ___________ now we want to see it again. ___________ did my brother break his leg, ___________ he ___________ bruised his rib. My friend speaks Korean and English. She ___________ speaks Chinese. Cheating is dishonest. ___________ it hinders students from learning. Students should be on time. ___________, they must be prepared. You must complete this essay by 5 p.m. ___________ you must do the exercises on page 47.

Exemplification:
I have been to many countries. ___________, I have been to Russia, Canada, Mexico, and Spain. He often eats strange foods. ___________, he once ate cow brains. I like to travel. ___________, I enjoy places with old cathedrals. I love fruit. ___________, I like bananas, pineapple, and berries. My friend hates skiing for several reasons. ___________ is that she dislikes being cold. ___________ that she often falls.

Contrast
Bill earned an A on his essay, ___________ Susan got a B. We wanted to leave at 8:00 ___________, Mike arrived too late. She hates housecleaning. ___________, she doesn't mind cooking. Students should attend class. ___________, they may lose their status. I am not going out tonight. ___________, I will stay home and watch a video. Women usually enjoy shopping. ___________, men often dislike it.

Alternative
He knows that he should do his homework, ___________ he never does it. I need to wear reading glasses. ___________, I hate how I look in them. I know you don't like to study. ___________, you must pass your exam. There are many benefits to exercising. ___________, you must take some precautions to avoid injury. ___________, the book is difficult to read, it is very interesting. ___________, the book is difficult to read, it is very interesting. ___________, Kate is good at tennis, she lost the match. ___________, Kate's skill at tennis, she lost the match.

Similarity:
Math was hard for me in high school. ___________, it is hard in college. Houseplants require much care and attention. ___________, outdoor plants must be cared for properly. Rock climbing takes much practice and skill. ___________, learning to write well requires a great deal of practice.

Result/Consequence:
Janet passed her exam, ___________, she is very happy. Tim was late. ___________, we could not go to the concert. James is not feeling well. ___________, he will not be here today. The committee voted against the proposal. ___________, we must consider another idea. I forgot that the cake was in the oven. ___________, it burned. Tina lost her keys. ___________, she could not drive home.
**Time or Sequence:**

____________, I think that she is studying hard. ____________, I believe that she is a bright student. ____________, I know that she has great potential. ____________, I feel that she deserves to win the scholarship. ____________, we should offer her some financial help.

Jeff was working hard to clean the house. ____________, his brother was watching television.

**Explaining or Emphasizing:**

The bookstore sells cards. ____________, they have the best cards around. James is, ____________, the first person I have known who has been to Africa. He was late to class again. ____________, he didn’t wake up on time. The plan needed only two things to succeed—, ____________, time and money.