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C1 CONNECTORS ≈ 27 MIN

Discourse Connectors — *practice on paper*

You already organise arguments with sentence adverbs; now reinforce function, register, and punctuation with fresh examples.

> Choose the connector by **function**; between complete sentences, use a period or semicolon before it and **a comma after it**.

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BRICK 1 · SORT ADDITION AND PUSHBACK · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence by the sentence adverb's function. The left adds a point; the right introduces pushback or contrast.

- Moreover, the trial revealed two savings.
- Furthermore, response times improved.
- Moreover, the revised plan reduces waste.
- Furthermore, the survey supports expansion.
- Moreover, our backup supplier has capacity.
- Nevertheless, the board approved phase two.
- Nonetheless, the team met every milestone.
- Nonetheless, the regional office expanded.
- Furthermore, repairs now cost less.
- Nevertheless, demand stayed stable.

ADDITION	PUSHBACK OR CONTRAST

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE SENTENCE ADVERB · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Put a suitable sentence adverb in each gap. Use meaning and punctuation as your clues.

01 The forecast improved; _____ , cash flow remains tight.

02 The proposal removes two checks; _____ , it shortens delivery times.

03 The vendor missed two dates; _____ , we changed suppliers.

04 Our costs rose. _____ , the margin fell.

05 The first branch cut waste. _____ , the second increased it.

06 The licence is expensive. _____ , it includes full support.

07 The evidence is incomplete; _____ , the panel delayed its decision.

08 The pilot attracted new clients; _____ , referrals increased.

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BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE LINK AND PHRASE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one error in its boundary, comma, or fixed phrase. Rewrite the complete sentence correctly.

01 Orders declined, nevertheless we retained every technician.

02 In contrary, the new data confirm our original estimate.

03 On the other side, installation will take three weeks.

04 Moreover the revised contract includes weekend support.

05 The audit ended; consequently we released the payment.

06 Demand recovered, hence, we restored the evening shift.

BRICK 4 · WRITE A STRUCTURED REPORT · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one formal English sentence or sentence pair for each prompt. Include all punctuation.

01 Add a second supporting finding to a report with moreover.

02 Acknowledge a problem with nevertheless without withdrawing the recommendation.

03 Contrast two locations with in contrast.

04 Draw a consequence from a delay with consequently or hence.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I choose sentence adverbs by addition, pushback, contrast, or consequence.
- [ ] I separate two complete sentences with a period or semicolon.
- [ ] I put a comma after the sentence adverb.
- [ ] I keep on the contrary and on the other hand complete.

Still unsure? Mark each link's function first, then check the sentence boundary.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Moreover, the trial revealed two savings.
Addition: moreover adds a supporting point.

02 Furthermore, response times improved.
Addition: furthermore adds a supporting point.

03 Moreover, the revised plan reduces waste.
Addition: moreover adds a supporting point.

04 Furthermore, the survey supports expansion.
Addition: furthermore adds a supporting point.

05 Moreover, our backup supplier has capacity.
Addition: moreover adds a supporting point.

06 Nevertheless, the board approved phase two.
Contrast: nevertheless acknowledges a counterpoint.

07 Nonetheless, the team met every milestone.
Contrast: nonetheless acknowledges a counterpoint.

08 Nonetheless, the regional office expanded.
Contrast: nonetheless acknowledges a counterpoint.

09 Furthermore, repairs now cost less.
Addition: furthermore adds a supporting point.

10 Nevertheless, demand stayed stable.
Contrast: nevertheless acknowledges a counterpoint.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The forecast improved; **on the other hand**, cash flow remains tight.
Pushback: on the other hand; nevertheless is also acceptable.

02 The proposal removes two checks; **hence**, it shortens delivery times.
Consequence: hence; consequently is also acceptable.

03 The vendor missed two dates; **consequently**, we changed suppliers.
Consequence: consequently; hence is also acceptable.

04 Our costs rose. **Consequently**, the margin fell.
Consequence: consequently; hence is also acceptable.

05 The first branch cut waste. **In contrast**, the second increased it.
Contrast: in contrast compares the branches.

06 The licence is expensive. **On the other hand**, it includes full support.
Pushback: on the other hand; nevertheless is also acceptable.

07 The evidence is incomplete; **hence**, the panel delayed its decision.
Consequence: hence; consequently is also acceptable.

08 The pilot attracted new clients; **consequently**, referrals increased.
Consequence: consequently; hence is also acceptable.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Orders declined**;** nevertheless**,** we retained every technician.
Boundary: semicolon before, comma after.

02 **On the contrary**, the new data confirm our original estimate.
Fixed phrase: on the contrary, not in contrary.

03 **On the other hand**, installation will take three weeks.
Fixed phrase: on the other hand.

04 Moreover**,** the revised contract includes weekend support.
Punctuation: a comma follows moreover.

05 The audit ended; consequently**,** we released the payment.
Punctuation: a comma follows consequently.

06 Demand recovered**;** hence, we restored the evening shift.
Boundary: a comma cannot join complete sentences.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if function, formal register, and punctuation fit the prompt.

01 Customer retention rose by six percent. **Moreover**, support requests fell.
Addition: moreover supports the preceding finding.

02 The prototype remains expensive; **nevertheless**, we recommend a limited trial.
Pushback: nevertheless preserves the recommendation.

03 The western site reduced delays. **In contrast**, the eastern site lost time.
Contrast: in contrast compares the locations.

04 The shipment arrived late; **consequently**, assembly started on Tuesday.
Consequence: consequently states the result.

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