

Connectors

1. Decide if the following statements are True [T] or False [F].

- a) Connectors are used to combine sentences and to express relationships between ideas.
- b) We use *either...or* to connect negative sentences.
- c) All connectors express the same and you can use them anyway you want.
- d) A double negative is when a sentence contains two negative elements.

2. Decide if the following statements are True [T] or False [F]. Correct the false ones.

- a) *Therefore* is a result connector.
- b) The position all connectors take in a sentences is always the same.
- c) *However* is placed between both sentences and after a comma.
- d) *Therefore* is always followed by a comma and comes at the beginning of the second sentence, usually after a full stop.

3. Choose the correct options.

Which sentences are incorrect?

- a) You bought me pineapple and mango juice, but I don't like neither of them.
- b) You neither have fun nor allow others to have fun themselves.
- c) Peter, you either learn how to behave or I'll ask you to leave.
- d) Tom isn't neither keen on going to school nor staying home.

4. Choose the correct options.

Which sentences are correct?

- a) Even though loving to stay here with you, I'm already late for work so I really need to go.
- b) Peter keeps bullying me; therefore I'm going to report him to the Head teacher.
- c) Even though sometimes I have trouble getting someone to keep my dog while I go holidays, I would never abandon it.
- d) Mary likes to eat sweets. However she always buys some on her way home.

5. Circle the correct option.

- a) You can **neither/either** call me **or/nor** you father, since we'll be in a meeting.
- b) **Neither/Either** you start working **or/nor** I'll have to fire you.
- c)- We can go swimming or sailing, which do you prefer?
- **Neither/Either**. I just want to stay home and relax.

6. Circle the correct option.

- a) My brother is going to France. **Therefore/However/Even though**, he's not planning on staying long.
- b) Whenever I need help with my school work I know I can count on my parents, **therefore/however/even though** I never get stressed when I have weird research assignments
- c) **Therefore/However/Even Though** I'm sleepy, I can't go to bed until I have finished my essay.
- d) He is a terrible cook. **Therefore/However/Even though**, he should try to cook more otherwise he'll never learn.

7. Identify the correct and the incorrect sentences and correct the wrong ones.

- a) New York is sometimes haunted by anonymity. Therefore, both its inhabitants and those who go there on holidays love it.
- b) Paul wants to buy a flat, but he wants neither a tiny one in the centre nor a huge one on the outskirts of the city.
- c) I only want to work neither as nurse nor a pharmacist. Any other jobs are not an option.
- d) He left as soon as he saw me. However, I can only assume that he is still mad at me.

8. Match accordingly.

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| 1- Neither hell nor... | a) I won't put my dreams on hold so I can be with you. |
| 2- Even though I love you... | b) therefore we need to be sure we don't make the same mistakes. |
| 3- Multiculturalism failed us... | c) hate diversity, there is no half way. |
| 4- You either love or... | d) high water will keep me from achieving my dreams. |

9. Fill in the blanks with the words below.

a) _____ I love the ocean, I still don't know how to swim. My friends have offered to take me snorkelling. **b)** _____, I'm more scared of diving than I care to admit and **c)** _____ can't bring myself to accept their offer

Options: Even though; Therefore; However

10. Fill in the blanks with **some** of the words below.

When I was a little girl I believed my mother was indestructible, **a)** _____ I was certain she would always be there for me. **b)** _____ time has proven me wrong I still, I see her when I look in the mirror. But **c)** _____ her my memory of her **d)** _____ her reflection on the mirror fills the void her death left in my heart. Nevertheless, I keep on living, I try to honour her memory, her love, even if on bad days I sometimes fear I might not be worthy of **e)** _____.

Options: Even though; Therefore; However; Neither...nor; Either...or; Neither; Either

11. Find the odd one out.

- a) Both...and; Not only...but also; Neither...nor; Never...again; Either...or.
- b) In addition; Moreover; Furthermore; And; Therefore.
- c) But; Although; However; Even though; So.

12. Match accordingly.

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| 1) And, in addition, moreover | a) Contrast |
| 2) Therefore, so, as a result | b) Addition |
| 3) Either/or, Neither/nor, both/and | c) Result |
| 4) When, while, then | d) Time / Sequence |
| 5) Even though, however | e) Alternative |

13. Match accordingly.

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| 1) Ted has wonderful presentation skills... | a) therefore I'm thinking of becoming a vet. |
| 2) She was reading a book... | b) stamps and coins |
| 3) I really like animals... | c) when I called her. |
| 4) My sister collects both... | d) however the same cannot be said about his sister. |

14. Complete the sentences with the correct connector.

- a) I got out of the car _____ walked into the restaurant.
- b) The weather was terrible _____ we didn't stay in the garden.
- c) _____ I went out I locked all the doors and windows.
- d) Tom's child fell in the water; she was wet _____ she didn't get hurt.

Options: But; So, Before, And

15. Circle the correct option.

- a) **However/Even though/While** Paul was shy, he still managed to lead an active social life.
- b) He has already graduated. **So/However/In addition**, he still has no idea what he will do in the future.
- c) Your dress is **both/either/neither** feminine **or/and/nor** affordable. It was a great buy.
- d) Michael is tired, **however/therefore/ even though** he is taking the afternoon off.

16. Join the two sentences into one. Use the connector in brackets.

- a) I was listening to the radio. I managed to hear the news about the accident. (therefore)
- b) She had a terrible headache. She went to work. (even though)
- c) The car is very small. It is also very noisy. (not only...also)
- d) He was more than qualified for the job. He didn't get it (however)

17. Join the two sentences into one. Use the connector in brackets.

- 1) My brother isn't very busy at work. My sister isn't busy too. (neither...nor)
- 2) There is a shopping centre in this town and a small shop as well. (both...and)
- 3) The doctor has advised her to stop smoking. She hasn't stopped yet. (even though)
- 4) I might learn how to cook. I might learn how to bake. (either...or)

18. Match accordingly

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| 1) Even though she's scared of snakes, | a) she plans to go to Australia for her next holiday. |
| 2) I thought she was Italian or Spanish | b) However, it's peaceful and relaxing. |
| 3) The house was neither clean nor... | c) comfortable, but still we rented it. |
| 4) Life in the country isn't glamorous... | d) but she was neither. |

19. Order the sentences.

- a) therefore/ stupid and arrogant/likes/ no one/ him /he's
- b) fond of/ However/ travelling/ she/ the places/ can't afford/ to go/ to visit/ she's/ she wants
- c) neither/ I'm/ rich/ poor/ nor.
- d) his phone/ was/ big/ even though/ he/ losing it/ kept.

20. Order the sentences.

- a) at the party/ Nicole/ very hungry/ anything/ therefore/ she/ was/ didn't eat
- b) the boss/ even though/ employees/ she/ works/ her/ she/ is/ as hard as
- c) the answer/ he/ knew/ he/ to tell/ refused/ it /to the others/ however.
- d) in either/ believe/ after death/ I/ don't believe/ in life/ some people/ in heaven/and

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Answer Key

1.

a) T; b) F; c) F; d) T.

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b) F - The position all connectors take in a sentences **may vary**.

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3.

a); d)

4.

b); c)

5.

a) **Neither/nor**

b) **Either/ or**

c) **Neither**

6.

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b) **Therefore**

c) **Even Though**

d) **However**

7.

a) New York is sometimes haunted by anonymity. **However**, both its inhabitants and those who go there on holidays love it.

b) Correct.

c) I only want to work **either** as nurse **or** a pharmacist. Any other jobs are not an option.

d) He left as soon as he saw me. **Therefore**, I can only assume that he is still mad at me.

8.

1- d); 2- a); 3- b); 4- c)

9.

a) Even though; b)However; c) therefore

10.

a) therefore; b)Even though; c)neither; d)nor; e)either.

11.

a) Never...again; b) Therefore; c) So

12.

1) - b); 2) - c); 3) - e); 4) - d); 5) - a)

13.

1) - d); 2) - c); 3) - a); 4) - b)

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a) and; b) so; c) before; d) but

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19.

a) He's stupid and arrogant, therefore no one likes him.

b) She's fond of travelling. However, she can't afford to go the places she wants to visit.

c) I'm neither rich nor poor.

d) Even though his phone was big, he kept losing it.

20.

a) Nicole didn't eat anything at the party therefore she was very hungry.

b) Even though she is the boss, she works as hard as her employees.

c) He knew the answer. However, he refused to tell it to the others.

d) Some people believe in heaven and in life after death, I don't believe in either.