

KS3 English Quiz - Vocabulary Building (Discourse Markers) 01 (Questions)

In English, some words help to develop ideas, for example "therefore", "furthermore" or "nonetheless"; these are called **discourse markers** and are usually used in formal writing or speaking situations.

Discourse markers help you to structure your ideas by linking them logically. At the same time they help your audience to follow your ideas, or the thread of your argument.

For example, I might wish to persuade someone to buy a warm winter coat from my friend's shop. First I would need to list all of the reasons this would be an excellent idea, before making my suggestion for a solution to the problem. I might say: "Your coat is beginning to fray at the edges of the sleeves and I've noticed that there is a tear where the hood joins. It's the end of winter and all the shops are selling their coats at a discount; **therefore** you would probably be able to get a bargain. I know it's an expense; **nonetheless**, it's better to buy a coat now rather than waiting until the autumn when they are full price." **Furthermore**, I happen to know that my friend's shop has an excellent range of coats for sale right now at half price!

These words are rather formal for a chatty conversation such as this one, but you can see how they help to link ideas and provide structure for a group of sentences.

Play this quiz to familiarise yourself with discourse markers and then start using them in your writing and speech.

1. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

They have all completed their tests;, I'm way behind.

- as for me
- for mine
- I
- my test

2. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

It rained all day;, we still went swimming in the sea.

- as far as
- as for
- nevertheless
- with regard to

3. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

It rained all day;, we didn't swim in the sea.

- as far as
- consequently
- us
- we

4. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

Ten people were invited, so a waiting list was compiled.

- as a result
- as far as
- in addition
- therefore

5. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

He ate ice cream and she ordered coffee, I chose pizza.

- as far
- as regards
- while
- with regard to

6. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

You are very late but I'm concerned, you can join in.

- as far as
- as regards
- however
- on the other hand

7. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

You are late;, you may not sit the examination.

- as far as
- however
- therefore
- while

8. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

He ate chocolate and I drank tea; she,, wanted a meal.

- as far as
- as regards
- on the other hand
- while

9. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

..... the letter I sent you last week, I wish to discuss the bill.

- However
- On the other hand
- Therefore
- With regard to

10. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

The athletes swim firstly, run secondly and they cycle.

- fourthly
- lastly
- on the other hand
- while

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"Nevertheless" joins the two halves of the sentence

3. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

It rained all day;, we didn't swim in the sea.

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- consequently
- us
- we

"Consequently" means "as a result"

4. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

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- as far as
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- therefore

"In addition" explains that the ten people were not originally invited

5. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

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He ate ice cream and she ordered coffee, while I chose pizza

6. Find the correct discourse marker for the following sentence.

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"As far as I'm concerned" introduces a point of view

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"Therefore" links the ideas in each half of this sentence

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- On the other hand
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- With regard to

"With regard to" introduces the topic of this sentence

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"Firstly", "secondly" and "lastly" all link and develop ideas