Question ID: cf11282b

Question

Scientists were able to isolate a relatively pure sample of selenium in 1817, the same year they first discovered the element's existence. _____ the isolation process took longer for molybdenum, which was isolated in its pure form three years after scientists first discovered it.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. By contrast, : introduces an important difference

B. Thus, : introduces a result or logical conclusion

C. Similarly, : indicates that two situations are alike

D. For instance, : introduces an example

Question ID: 8a1ad52b

Question

A research team led by Gal Badihi has discovered that chimpanzees communicate through exchanges of gestures occurring at a pace similar to that of human conversations. _____ chimpanzee gesture exchanges have short pauses of about 120 milliseconds between communications, comparable to the 200-millisecond average pause between turns in human speech.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. As a result,	:	introduces an effect or consequence
B. Specifically,	:	introduces precise details or an exact explanation
C. By contrast,	:	introduces an important difference
D. Nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before

Question ID: 326017ce

Question

For years, biologists have experimented with using grime-eating bacteria rather than harsh chemicals to clean artworks, and results have been impressive overall. _____ these bacterial strains—which can metabolize centuries' worth of oil, glue, dirt, and other surface impurities without creating harmful byproducts—have proven more effective than traditional chemical cleaning methods.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. However,	:	introduces a contrast or qualification
B. In many cases,	:	indicates that something is often, but not always, true
C. As a result,	:	introduces an effect or consequence
D. Additionally,	:	adds another related point

Question ID: 94c9788e

Question

Brain imaging research led by neuroscientist Dwaynica Greaves found that actors showed suppressed responses in the left anterior prefrontal cortex (the portion of the brain associated with self-awareness) when their names were called during performances; _____ the actors' responses were normal in nonacting contexts. These findings suggest that when embodying characters, performers may temporarily set aside their personal identities.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. specifically,	:	introduces precise details or an exact explanation
B. conversely,	:	introduces an opposite or reversed situation
C. likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar
D. thus,	:	introduces a result or logical conclusion

Question ID: f07570bb

Question

Researchers believe that pieces of hull found off Oregon's coast are from a Spanish cargo ship that was lost in 1697. Stories passed down among the area's Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians support this belief. _____ Siletz stories describe how blocks of beeswax, an item the ship had been carrying, began washing ashore after the ship was lost.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. For this reason,	:	introduces a result based on the stated reason
B. For example,	:	introduces an example
C. However,	:	introduces a contrast or qualification
D. Likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar

Question ID: 221ecf0f

Question

Alexander Lawrence Posey (1873–1908) varied his focus and tone depending on the genre in which he was writing. In his poetry, he used heartfelt language to evoke the beauty and peacefulness of his natural surroundings; in his journalism, _____ he employed humor and satire to comment on political issues affecting his Muskogee Creek community.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. that is, : clarifies or restates the preceding idea

B. granted, : acknowledges a point before qualifying it

C. similarly, : indicates that two situations are alike

D. by contrast, : introduces an important difference

Question ID: 01c8c433

Question

Before the 1847 introduction of the US postage stamp, the cost of postage was usually paid by the recipient of a letter rather than the sender, and recipients were not always able or willing to pay promptly. _____ collecting this fee could be slow and arduous, and heaps of unpaid-for, undeliverable mail piled up in post offices.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Regardless,	:	indicates that the previous fact does not affect the result
B. On the contrary,	:	directly rejects a preceding idea as untrue
C. Consequently,	:	introduces a direct result or consequence
D. For example,	:	introduces an example

Question ID: 30438650

Question

Jhumpa Lahiri's story collection *Interpreter of Maladies* features multiple stories about romantic relationships. In "This Blessed House," newlyweds argue over whether to replace items left by the previous owners of their new home. _____ in "A Temporary Matter," a husband and wife attempt to rekindle their relationship during a four-night blackout.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Granted,	:	acknowledges a point before qualifying it
B. For example,	:	introduces an example
C. Likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar
D. Hence,	:	introduces a logical result

Question ID: 28c7a762

Question

As the Proto-Indo-European language split into different languages, many words evolved to sound very different than they had in their proto-language—but this wasn't always the case. _____ words retained much of their original sound. The word "father," for instance, sounds similar in Italian (padre), Latin (pater), and Sanskrit (pitar), three Proto-Indo-European descendants.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. However,	:	introduces a contrast or qualification
B. Moreover,	:	adds another supporting point
C. Thus,	:	introduces a result or logical conclusion
D. Sometimes,	:	indicates that something occurs on some occasions

Question ID: fb56b593

Question

Despite its great distance from Earth—it is 570 light-years away—the star Shaula is one of the brightest stars in the sky, ranking 23rd. Although not as bright as Shaula, the star Alkaid also ranks among the 50 brightest stars (40th, to be exact). _____ Alkaid's brightness is likely due to the star's relative proximity: Alkaid is only 100 light-years from Earth.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Indeed,	:	emphasizes or confirms the preceding idea
B. As a result,	:	introduces an effect or consequence
C. Granted,	:	acknowledges a point before qualifying it
D. Similarly,	:	indicates that two situations are alike

Question ID: 3fd0ab63

Question

Voting members of the 2002 Latin Grammys were impressed by Banda Cuisillos's album *Puras Rancheras Con Cuisillos* and its contribution to the banda genre, a form of regional Mexican music featuring large ensembles of wind instruments and drums that first developed in southern and central Mexico in the mid-nineteenth century. _____ they awarded the group the Best Banda Album award.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. In contrast,	:	introduces an important difference
B. Meanwhile,	:	indicates something occurring at the same time
C. Nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before
D. Accordingly,	:	as a result; in a way that follows logically

Question ID: 7dbcb7f4

Question

Karel Čapek's 1920 play *R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)*, in which artificial workers overthrow their masters, left an indelible mark on the science fiction genre, and the English language, by introducing the term "robot" (derived from the Czech word *robota*, meaning "indentured labor" or "drudgery"). _____ Čapek's play also contributed to a venerable literary and mythological tradition: using artificial beings as mirrors and foils for humanity.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Beyond the simple coining of a term, : adds an achievement extending past naming something

B. By achieving such a lofty goal, : links the next idea to accomplishing an ambitious aim

C. Ultimately limited in its lasting influence, : concedes that the long-term effect was restricted

D. Despite its creation of such an iconic trope, : concedes an achievement before presenting a contrast

Question ID: 2df7b582

Question

Plato believed material objects to be crude representations of unseen ideal forms. In his view, such abstract, nonmaterial forms are the ultimate source of knowledge. Aristotle disagreed, positing that knowledge is best obtained through direct engagement with the material world; _____ sensory experience of the material is the ultimate source of knowledge.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. regardless,	:	indicates that the previous fact does not affect the result
B. admittedly,	:	concedes that a point is true before qualifying it
C. in other words,	:	restates an idea more clearly
D. meanwhile,	:	indicates something occurring at the same time

Question ID: f8c4591b

Question

With their distinctive cone shapes and steeply sloping sides, the volcanoes Hverfjall (Iceland) and Toliman (Guatemala) may look similar from afar. Tehnuka Ilanko and other volcanologists, _____ can tell by how each was formed that Hverfjall is a cinder cone volcano, while Toliman is a composite volcano.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. for example,	:	introduces an example
B. in addition,	:	adds another related point
C. therefore,	:	introduces a logical result or conclusion
D. though,	:	introduces a contrast or qualification

Question ID: 388b45aa

Question

Establishing Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is no easy task. Each month, readings of a single second from atomic clocks around the world are taken and sent to the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) in France. _____ BIPM metrologists perform the meticulous work of assembling these minutely disparate readings into a globally shared time standard.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. There,	:	refers to the place just mentioned
B. In particular,	:	focuses attention on a specific point
C. For example,	:	introduces an example
D. Conversely,	:	introduces an opposite or reversed situation

Question ID: 9f1a0d91

Question

“Tulip mania”—the rapid rise and sudden fall of the price of tulip bulbs in seventeenth-century Amsterdam—is often cited as an example of the perils of rampant market speculation. However, recent research has demonstrated that the episode was neither as frenzied nor as disastrous as has been thought. The popular myth surrounding it, _____ should be regarded with some skepticism.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. for example,	:	introduces an example
B. by contrast,	:	introduces an important difference
C. nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before
D. therefore,	:	introduces a logical result or conclusion

Question ID: 17e49403

Question

When, in the 1800s, geologists first realized that much of Earth had once been covered by great sheets of ice, some theorized that the phenomenon was cyclical, occurring at regular intervals. Each Ice Age is so destructive, though, that it largely erases the geological evidence of its predecessor. _____ geologists were unable to confirm the theory of cyclical Ice Ages until the 1960s.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Hence,	:	introduces a logical result
B. Moreover,	:	adds another supporting point
C. Nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before
D. Next,	:	introduces the following event or step

Question ID: 0a9b36f9

Question

Introduced in 2001, Luis von Ahn's reCAPTCHA security software distinguished human users from autonomous spamming programs, or bots, by prompting a website's visitors to read distorted text and type it in a box. Over time, though, bots became capable of deciphering distorted text. _____ a version of reCAPTCHA that could detect humans by analyzing cursor movements was released in 2014.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. For example,	:	introduces an example
B. In other words,	:	restates an idea more clearly
C. In response,	:	introduces an action prompted by what came before
D. Indeed,	:	emphasizes or confirms the preceding idea

Question ID: ad729337

Question

With its clichéd imagery of suburban lawns and power lines, John Ashbery's 2004 poem "Ignorance of the Law Is No Excuse" may seem barren terrain for critical analysis. _____ cultural critic Lauren Berlant finds fertile ground in just its first two stanzas, devoting most of a book chapter to deciphering the "weight of the default space" Ashbery creates in this poem.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar
B. Nonetheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before
C. In turn,	:	introduces a result that follows from the preceding action
D. That is,	:	clarifies or restates the preceding idea

Question ID: 63c73b50

Question

In 2018, Kurt Luther and Vikram Mohanty created the web-based tool Civil War Photo Sleuth (CWPS). A user uploading an unknown Civil War soldier's photograph to CWPS first tags the photo with all known information. _____ CWPS's facial-recognition software analyzes twenty-seven different physical features and looks for matches to tagged images already in the database.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Then,	:	indicates what happened next
B. In fact,	:	emphasizes or strengthens the preceding idea
C. Likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar
D. For example,	:	introduces an example

Question ID: 7c3f0145

Question

In a 2022 analysis of 200 terms, researchers found a broad pattern of valence-dependent mutation for which negative words saw a faster rate of cognate replacement—_____ the rate at which a word will be replaced over time with a noncognate form. Adjectives (e.g., “afraid”) saw the largest effect; nouns (e.g., “attack”), meanwhile, saw the smallest.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. for example,	:	introduces an example
B. likewise,	:	indicates that two situations are similar
C. in addition,	:	adds another related point
D. that is,	:	clarifies or restates the preceding idea

Question ID: c61fb134

Question

As Iestyn Barr and his team of researchers discovered when establishing the glacial timeline of Antarctica, the Transantarctic Mountains—a 3,500-km mountain range spanning the continent—are home to glaciers of at least 60 million years in age. _____ the researchers concluded, Antarctica had glaciers long before the formation of its continent-wide ice sheet 34 million years ago.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. By contrast,	:	introduces an important difference
B. Thus,	:	introduces a result or logical conclusion
C. Nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before
D. Even so,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before

Question ID: b6d9068e

Question

On a chilly spring morning in a Virginia park, as sunlight crested the treetops, Kathrin Swoboda raised her Nikon D500 camera and captured an image that would win the Grand Prize in the 2019 Audubon Photography Awards: a red-winged blackbird, exhaling what appeared to be rings of smoke. _____ the “smoke” was actually the blackbird’s breath hitting the cold morning air as the bird sang.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Furthermore,	:	adds another supporting point
B. For example,	:	introduces an example
C. Therefore,	:	introduces a logical result or conclusion
D. Of course,	:	acknowledges something expected or already understood

Question ID: d3898d32

Question

Riley Black—the author of critically acclaimed books such as *My Beloved Brontosaurus* (2013)—is best known for writing about dinosaurs, but she has also conducted hands-on fieldwork. _____ her fieldwork has included paleontological digs in Utah, Montana, and Wyoming, and her dinosaur fossil discoveries can be seen at places such as the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Regardless,	:	indicates that the previous fact does not affect the result
B. Subsequently,	:	indicates that something happened later
C. Specifically,	:	introduces precise details or an exact explanation
D. Conversely,	:	introduces an opposite or reversed situation

Question ID: eea351c4

Question

“Wishcycling”—putting nonrecyclable items into recycling bins under the mistaken belief that those items can be recycled—ultimately does more harm than good. Nonrecyclable items, such as greasy pizza boxes, can contaminate recyclable materials, rendering entire batches unusable. _____ nonrecyclable products can damage recycling plants’ machinery.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. Fittingly,	:	appropriately, given the circumstances
B. On the contrary,	:	directly rejects a preceding idea as untrue
C. Moreover,	:	adds another supporting point
D. Nevertheless,	:	introduces a contrast despite what came before

Question ID: 39d1a519

Question

To discover which fruit varieties were grown in Italy's Umbria region before the introduction of industrial farming, botanist Isabella Dalla Ragione often turns to centuries-old lists of cooking ingredients. _____ she analyzes Renaissance paintings of Umbria, as they can provide accurate representations of fruits that were grown there long ago.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

Answer

A. In sum,	:	briefly summarizes the preceding ideas
B. Instead,	:	presents a replacement or contrasting alternative
C. Thus,	:	introduces a result or logical conclusion
D. Additionally,	:	adds another related point