Conjunctive Adverb Practice

Practice Set #1

A conjunctive adverb is a word that connects two sentences together, making a new sentence. It is like the word “and” but adds a little more meaning to the sentence.

**Example:** The movie was really bad; therefore, many people left early.

**Instructions:** In the following sentences, underline the conjunctive adverb.

1. Jason did not study; hence, he failed the test.
2. You can go when the chores are done; otherwise, you will miss the party.
3. We took blankets for the picnic; also, Sally brought food.
4. The rain was pouring down; still, no one left the beach.
5. You start cooking the steaks; meanwhile, I will make the dessert.
6. I really like that puppy; however, my landlord does not allow pets.
7. My dad spends a lot of time on the yard; therefore, our house has the nicest yard on the block.
8. Jose did not read the instructions; so, he did not assemble it properly.
9. She got 20 presents for her birthday; nevertheless, she was not happy.
10. I am sorry you can’t go; besides, the weather forecast calls for rain.

Practice Set #2

Conjunctive adverbs put two sentences together and make a new sentence. The first sentence ends with a semicolon, and the conjunctive adverb is followed by a comma.

**Example:** George had to sell his horse; thus, his riding days were over.

**Instructions:** Place the proper punctuation in these sentences.

1. The snow kept Sally from jogging anyway she had homework to do.
2. The dance finished early finally we could get something to eat.
3. It is very hard to learn to swim of course it will be worth it in the end.
4. Bob really wants a new car however he cannot afford it.
5. We will go to a movie then we will have some dinner.
6. He stayed up all night playing games consequently he overslept this morning.
7. You need to eat your vegetables otherwise you will not be healthy.
8. She did not try her best so she did not make the team.
9. Let’s go for a walk meanwhile the roast will finish cooking.
10. Bob and Ellen decided to go likewise I changed my mind, too.
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Practice Set #3

To combine two sentences together, you use a conjunctive adverb.

**Example:** I researched the topic at length; consequently, my paper received an “A”.

**Instructions:** Fill in the blank with one of these conjunctive adverbs. You may only use each word one time:
however, anyway, besides, later, instead, so, next, still, also

1. He complained a lot; _________, no one helped him.
2. I really wanted the red one; _________, I bought the blue one.
3. I wanted to go; _________, I saved my money.
4. There are many reasons to work hard; _________, play can be fun.
5. I will walk to the park; _________, I will stop for a hamburger.

**Instructions:** Put a C in front of the sentences which have the correct punctuation. If they are incorrect, put an I.

1. ___The show was canceled; anyway, I didn’t really want to go.
2. ___I love music but, I cannot keep a beat.
3. ___The dog was really scary; so I walked to the other side of the street.
4. ___Eating healthy is important: otherwise, you will be sick a lot.
5. ___Now I understand triangles; before, I was totally lost.