LES QUESTIONS ET LES THÈMES DE PART 6

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1. Les mots de liaison

Les mots et expressions de liaison sont bien utiles pour relier des idées dans une phrase ou dans un texte. On les regroupe selon leur utilisation : ordonner des idées ou des étapes, développer un point, indiquer une opposition ou une restriction, etc.

Ex. : ***Although*** *I left home early this morning, I arrived late for the meeting.* (contraste)
Bien que je sois parti tôt ce matin, je suis arrivé en retard pour la réunion.

Mots de liaison Ordonner – Donner une information supplémentaire

Ex. : ***First,*** *let us address the issue of punctuality,* ***then*** *we will talk about our sales figures.*
D'abord, traitons le problème de la ponctualité, ensuite on parlera de nos chiffres de vente.

Ordonner		Information supplémentaire	
first	d'abord	***and***	et
then	après	***also***	aussi
after that	après ça	***additionally***	en outre, de plus
finally	enfin	***in addition (to)***	de plus (en plus de)
next	puis, ensuite	***moreover, what is more***	de plus
		furthermore	en outre, de plus
		besides	en plus, encore
		not only... but also	non seulement... mais aussi
		as well as	aussi bien que

Exercice 1 Ordonner, développer

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Choisissez la bonne proposition en gras pour compléter chaque phrase.

1 Stir until it boils, **furthermore** / **next** add the vanilla pods.
2 After all these years collaborating over the phone, we **finally** / **besides** meet in person.
3 You have to apologize to your manager if you want to keep this post. **And** / **Besides**, no one will hire you if he gives you a bad reference.
4 **Also** / **First** he tells me he's interested in our product and then he signs a contract with our competitor.
5 **In addition to** / **Also** ten years' experience in marketing, I have many other professional skills.

Exercice 2 Phrases à compléter

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Complétez les phrases en utilisant les mots proposés.
first – besides – next – moreover – and

1 The entire team has been given a written warning. ..... , their company benefits have been suspended.
2 ..... planting additional trees in that part of the garden, you should also put a bench there.
3 You had me order new office furniture, ... you'll be asking for a new office!
4 When collecting your car from our parking lot, ... check that there is no damage to it.
5 I've been to both Japan ..... China.

Tip!
Lisez bien les phrases à compléter pour comprendre le lien logique qui unit les différentes propositions, et ainsi choisir le mot de liaison adéquat.

Exercice 3 Insérer une phrase manquante

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Trouvez le meilleur endroit [1], [2] ou [3] dans le texte pour insérer la phrase suivante :
It's been a while since a movie left me speechless, but "The Chip" did.

[1] If you haven't made any plans for the weekend yet, I strongly recommend going to the movies. "The Chip" premieres today and it's a must-see! **[2]** We are all used to the amazing quality of John Stanton's work and right now he is at the top of his game. At first it isn't easy to wrap your head around the plot, but once you do there is no denying that this is the best original screenplay of the decade. **[3]** Besides, even if you aren't familiar with Stanton's previous work, you know the cast all too well and you cannot expect these people to perform badly or to star in a mediocre film.

Tip!
Lisez la phrase à insérer, puis regardez chaque emplacement proposé et les phrases qui précèdent et qui suivent ; cela suffit souvent à déterminer le bon emplacement.

Mots de liaison Marquer le contraste – Développer un argument

- Certains mots de liaison permettent d'introduire un contraste dans une phrase ou de prolonger une idée. En les reconnaissant, vous dégagerez mieux le sens de la phrase.
- Inversement, si vous comprenez déjà le contexte et le sens de la phrase, vous trouverez plus facilement le mot de liaison qui manque dans la phrase à compléter.

Contraste		Développement	
but	mais	***in fact, actually***	en fait
though	bien que, pourtant	***indeed***	en effet, en fait
although	bien que	***above all***	surtout
even though	bien que	***obviously***	évidemment
even if	même si	***evidently***	apparemment, à l'évidence
whereas	tandis que	***clearly***	clairement
while	alors que, quoique	***apparently***	apparemment
in spite of, despite	malgré, en dépit de	***according to***	selon
however	cependant, pourtant	***personally***	personnellement
in contrast	au contraire, par contraste	***in my opinion***	à mon avis
nevertheless	cependant, néanmoins	***fortunately***	heureusement
on the other hand	par contre	***unfortunately***	malheureusement
unlike, in contrast to	contrairement à	***surprisingly***	étonnamment
instead of	au lieu de		

- Parfois, **la position de l'espace à compléter limite le nombre de réponses** possibles.

– ***Though*** peut être utilisé en fin de phrase.

Ex. : *He received an immediate promotion. He wasn't expecting it,* ***though****.*
Il a eu une promotion immédiate. Il ne s'y attendait pas, cependant.

– ***Although, even though, even if, while*** et ***whereas*** se placent au début d'une phrase, ou entre deux propositions afin de relier deux idées contrastées.

– ***In spite of*** et ***despite*** peuvent être utilisés au début ou au milieu d'une phrase. Ils sont suivis d'un nom ou d'un verbe en ***-ing***.

Tip!
« Malgré » se traduit par 1 mot, ***despite***, ou par 3 mots, ***in spite of***, jamais par 2 mots !

– ***However*** s'utilise habituellement en début de phrase et se réfère à la phrase précédente. Il est également suivi d'une virgule.
Quand ***however*** débute une phrase sans se référer à celle d'avant, c'est dans le sens de « peu importe comment... ».
Dans ce cas, il n'est pas suivi d'une virgule.

Ex. : ***However*** *you look at it, it's wrong!* Peu importe comment on le regarde, c'est faux !

Exercice 4 Le contraste

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Choisissez la bonne proposition en gras pour compléter chaque phrase.

1 **Unlike** / **However** our competitors, we do not pressure our customers to make a purchase every month.
2 The board of directors voted against the merger. **Personally** / **Certainly**, I think it was a mistake.
3 **Actually** / **According** to this manual, you have to wear protective clothing while using the product.
4 We managed to book a holiday **despite** / **in contrast** having very busy schedules.
5 I still don't know which laptop to choose, but what I do know is that Led17 is light, **unlike** / **whereas** Comp4 is heavy.

Exercice 5 Phrases à compléter

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Complétez les phrases en utilisant les mots proposés.
on the other hand – in spite of – clearly – unfortunately – actually

1 ..... the slump on the world markets my portfolio gained ground.
2 ..... the lift is out of order, so you will have to take the stairs.
3 ..... , I'd rather walk than drive with you.
4 ..... , you didn't listen to a word she said, or you wouldn't be asking these questions.
5 Moving our production to China will save us a lot of money. We will ..... spend a lot more on transport.

Exercice 6 Texte à compléter

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Complétez le texte en utilisant les mots proposés.
as a result – consequently – unfortunately – in fact

Dear Mr. Ali,

I am writing this letter to complain about an order delivered to my house three days ago. ....., I had ordered three pairs of shoes, a dress and two handbags from your website, but was clearly delivered the wrong order, as what I received were two tee-shirts and two pairs of sneakers. ....., I called your customer service and tried to inform them of the error. ....., I was told that the order number matched the items I received and that there couldn't have been any mistake on the part of your company. ....., I was denied the right to return the order free of charge.

I am very disappointed with your company's service and hope this misunderstanding can be cleared up and the items I did not order returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Rita Kaahn

Tip!
N'oubliez pas que ***since*** a deux sens : « depuis » ou « puisque ».

Mots de liaison Indiquer un résultat, la cause, le but

Ces mots amènent les liens de cause à effet ou introduisent les conséquences.

Résultat		Cause		But	
so	donc, par conséquent	***as***	comme, puisque	***so that***	pour que
thus	donc, ainsi	***since***	puisque	***so as (not) to***	de façon à (ne pas)
as a result	en conséquence	***because***	parce que	***in order (not) to***	afin de (ne pas)
therefore, consequently	donc, par conséquent	***because of*** + nom	à cause de, en raison de		
		due to + nom	à cause de		

Exercice 7 Le résultat, la cause, le but

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Choisissez la bonne proposition en gras pour compléter chaque phrase.

1 We couldn't possibly buy this house, **so** / **as** we cannot afford it.
2 Make sure you wait for the ink to dry before lifting the poster, **so as not to** / **as a result** create any smudges on the surface.
3 Human Resources ensures that our employees work in the best conditions possible **consequently** / **in order** to boost their creativity.
4 The company provided language training to all its employees last year, **thus** / **since** they were able to expand abroad this year.
5 **As** / **Thus** the company provided language training for all its employees last year, they were able to expand abroad this year.
6 **Because** / **Due to** inclement weather, the flight has been delayed 30 minutes.

Exercice 8 Phrases à compléter

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Complétez les phrases en utilisant les mots proposés.
so – because – so as not to – as a result – as

1 Chen left the office an hour ago ..... be late for her presentation.
2 I'm vegetarian, ... I never eat meat.
3 It's not ..... this park was designed by a very famous architect that it is popular with tourists.
4 The scandal shook the entire government. ....., the prime minister was forced to resign.
5 When exchanging business cards in China, make sure you hold your card using both hands ..... you do not want to offend anybody.

Exercice 9 Insérer une phrase manquante

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Trouvez le meilleur endroit [1], [2], [3] ou [4] dans le texte pour insérer la phrase suivante :

Non-compliance with these safety regulations can result in serious injury.

Warning! **[1]** This device is to be used in dry and well-ventilated spaces only. Do not handle it unless your hands are dry and you are wearing protective goggles. Always keep away from inflammable substances. Switch off the device as soon as you complete the process. **[2]** Allow for cooling time before storing. Remember, the device is to be kept inside the protective case provided by the manufacturer. **[3]** Kaplings declines any responsibility. Should you have any questions contact us through our website: www.kaplings.com. **[4]**