



Transition MadLibs

Part I Directions:

1. Read through the paragraph. Choose the most appropriate transitions to fill in the blanks.

Word bank: First Finally Lastly Next Second Then Understandably	Although And even though But However In Contrast Otherwise Yet	Fortunately Luckily Unfortunately Whereas Despite that Be that as it may Interestingly Although	Also As a result In addition Thus Nevertheless While Conveniently Initially
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The most disastrous vacation I ever spent with my friends was the year we went to Lake White Rock. _____, we had been told that our cabin overlooked the water. _____, while we could see the water, it was a 20-minute walk over hot concrete and burning sand. No problem, we thought. Maggie was driving us. _____, her car broke down the second day we were there, and spent the next three days in the local garage. _____, we had to walk or take a taxi wherever we went. _____, the weather was near 100 degrees the entire time, and the humidity was 95 percent, which is the reason we rented air-conditioned cabins. _____, the air conditioning consisted of one overworked and undersized window unit that caught fire one day while we were gone. Luckily, it was a small fire. _____, we came back to find our belongings and our clothes smelling of smoke. We were moved to different cabins—even farther from the lake, of course. _____, we were determined to make the best of it. And we might have, had David not broken his leg waterskiing. _____, our vacation was cut short. We headed home with David in a cast and the rest of us in very bad moods.

Part II Directions:

2. Change the meaning of these five paragraphs by adding different transitions in the blanks. Rearrange the order of the paragraphs if you like.*

_____, Aryel is a little fish girl who lives under the ocean with her fish friends Sounder and Flebastian.

_____ Sounder wants to stay under the water, Flebastian is happy to be on land or in the water.

_____, he is a crab and is equipped with amphibious capabilities.

_____ Aryel knows that her fish friends have mixed feelings about land, _____ she doesn't care.

_____, she loves Prince Erk, who is on land. Also, he is very rich, so Aryel is happy about that.

_____, Prince Erk loves having lavish parties, playing his recorder very poorly, and eating sushi.

*If there are transition words you think would fit but are not on the list, feel free to add them.