

Question ID ad1bae24

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ID: ad1bae24

The French directors Colas Koola and Vivien Mermet-Guyenet (known as Koola and Viv) founded the video game studio BlueTwelve. They also love cats. _____ they created an award-winning cat video game, *Stray* (2021), that lets the player explore a dystopian city from the perspective of a clever orange house cat.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Intermittently,
- B. On the other hand,
- C. In fact,
- D. Nevertheless,

Question ID 6fe16bf4

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ID: 6fe16bf4

There are three basic steps you should follow when planning a scientific inquiry. First, thoroughly research the question you wish to answer. _____ come up with a prediction (also called a hypothesis) about the answer to your question. Third, develop an experiment that can test the accuracy of your hypothesis.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Therefore,
- B. Instead,
- C. For example,
- D. Second,

Question ID 179f5f0c

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ID: 179f5f0c

It has long been thought that humans first crossed a land bridge into the Americas approximately 13,000 years ago. _____ based on radiocarbon dating of samples uncovered in Mexico, a research team recently suggested that humans may have arrived more than 30,000 years ago—much earlier than previously thought.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. As a result,
- B. Similarly,
- C. However,
- D. In conclusion,

Question ID c0eb2ae2

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ID: c0eb2ae2

A blend of gabardine and wool, the material for Elvis Presley’s Gold Vine jumpsuit was flexible enough to allow the singer to perform his signature dance moves. _____ the added weight of the suit’s swirling vines made of gold rhinestones likely limited Elvis’s mobility to some degree.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For this reason,
- B. Firstly,
- C. However,
- D. In other words,

Question ID 63c61c2e

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ID: 63c61c2e

The traditional process of Turkish paper marbling (ebru) generally proceeds like this: First, the artisan fills a shallow tray with a water bath solution. Next, the artisan adds inks or paints to the solution, which can then be manipulated into intricate designs. _____ the artisan slips paper in and out of the liquid, transferring the design onto the paper.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Actually,
- B. Therefore,
- C. Nevertheless,
- D. Finally,

Question ID cf8a4e69

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ID: cf8a4e69

Many butterfly species have bold, brightly colored wings. _____ some butterfly species have wings that are almost completely colorless and transparent. Glasswing butterflies, for example, have see-through wings that make them nearly invisible.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Similarly,
- B. Previously,
- C. In other words,
- D. However,

Question ID 53112b94

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ID: 53112b94

In June, female loggerhead sea turtles will swim back to the sandy beaches where they were born to lay eggs of their own. First, the turtle will dig her nest in the sand. _____ she will lay up to 100 eggs in the nest. Finally, she will cover it all with sand, before returning to the ocean.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. By contrast,
- B. Similarly,
- C. Next,
- D. For example,

Question ID ef241712

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ID: ef241712

The tiny transistors that control the flow of electricity in modern devices may one day be made of wood. Researchers in Switzerland have found a way to use heat and chemicals to widen the grooves in dry pieces of balsa wood. _____ these grooves become wide enough that electrical conductors can be passed through them.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For example,
- B. Previously,
- C. In contrast,
- D. As a result,

Question ID 6467e206

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6467e206

On March 3, 1991, Switzerland’s government lowered the minimum voting age for its citizens from 20 to 18 years old. _____ many people in Switzerland gained a new opportunity to participate in their country’s political process.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Nevertheless,
- B. As a result,
- C. By contrast,
- D. Similarly,

Question ID 6db07aca

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6db07aca

When using sumac for dyeing cloth, textile artists first soak it in water to release its color. Then, they add the cloth to the dyebath and simmer it for hours, perhaps even days. _____ they will remove the cloth, at which point it will have turned a vibrant red color.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Nevertheless,
- B. Likewise,
- C. Eventually,
- D. In other words,

Question ID ee23e071

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ID: ee23e071

The Alaska Native Language Archive (ANLA) is known for its impressive audio collection. _____ the ANLA has more than 5,000 audio recordings of Native Alaskan languages dating as far back as 1943.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In fact,
- B. After,
- C. Regardless,
- D. Instead,

Question ID 83afd32b

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ID: 83afd32b

In the 1850s, William Still was instrumental in helping nearly 1,000 people escape from slavery, earning him the moniker “the Father of the Underground Railroad.” _____ despite the fame of his contributions during his lifetime, Still is discussed far less today than other prominent Black abolitionists from his era, such as Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For example,
- B. However,
- C. Specifically,
- D. Similarly,

Question ID 3f97aa71

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ID: 3f97aa71

In 1968, US Congressman John Conyers introduced a bill to establish a national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The bill didn’t make it to a vote, but Conyers was determined. He teamed up with Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman to be elected to Congress, and they resubmitted the bill every session for the next fifteen years. _____ in 1983, the bill passed.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Instead,
- B. Likewise,
- C. Finally,
- D. Additionally,

Question ID 68afdca

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ID: 68afdca

Tyrian purple was a highly prized dye among the Phoenicians (an ancient civilization located in present-day Lebanon). The Phoenicians were famous for using this natural dye to color their clothes a distinctive purple. _____ the name “Phoenicia” itself, some historians claim, may have originally meant “land of purple.”

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In fact,
- B. Regardless,
- C. Lastly,
- D. On the contrary,

Question ID 836f5d35

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ID: 836f5d35

Before it unveiled a massive new gallery in 2009, the Art Institute of Chicago was only able to display about 5% of its art collection. _____ the museum is able to display close to 30% of its collection.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Additionally,
- B. For example,
- C. Nevertheless,
- D. Today,

Question ID 0a09f156

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ID: 0a09f156

In most deer species, males grow antlers, and females don't. _____ reindeer are different. They are the only deer species in which the females grow antlers, too.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Similarly,
- B. Next,
- C. However,
- D. Thus,

Question ID 785d8abc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 785d8abc

Resins play several important roles in maintaining the health of conifers and many other kinds of trees. _____ resins quickly seal wounds, which helps prevent harmful insects and fungi from entering trees. These sticky substances also help trees retain water that is needed for them to survive.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. However,
- B. Regardless,
- C. Next,
- D. For example,

Question ID 10ee0eac

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 10ee0eac

The number of dark spots that appear on the Sun, known as sunspots, can vary greatly. For example, there were about 180 sunspots in November 2001. _____ there were only about 2 sunspots in December 2008.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In other words,
- B. Similarly,
- C. Therefore,
- D. By comparison,

Question ID aedc639b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: aedc639b

Famous for its four-degree tilt, the leaning Garisenda Tower is a popular attraction in Bologna’s city center. However, measurements taken in 2023 showed that the tower was rotating in a concerning way. _____ city officials closed the area around the tower so experts could explore solutions to stabilize the historical twelfth-century structure.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Similarly,
- B. As a result,
- C. For example,
- D. In comparison,

Question ID 721c0e80

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 721c0e80

With darkness falling, a mother elephant loses sight of her calf and wants to make sure it is safe. _____ she releases an infrasonic call for the calf to hear. Infrasonic sound is below the range of human hearing, but many animals can hear these sounds from several miles away.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For example,
- B. For this reason,
- C. Nowadays,
- D. Similarly,

Question ID 092a758f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 092a758f

By 1936, Spanish Romani dancer Carmen Amaya was known all over Spain for her powerful style of flamenco dancing. However, in July of that year, the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War made it difficult for her to perform in her home country. _____ Amaya left Spain to perform abroad, dancing for audiences across North and South America.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In comparison,
- B. As a result,
- C. First of all,
- D. For example,

Question ID 0decf4ff

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ID: 0decf4ff

Preston Singletary is a Tlingit glass artist who often collaborates with other artists. _____ he has worked with Tewa pottery artist Jody Naranjo several times. Together, Singletary and Naranjo have created pottery-inspired glass pieces such as *Sunset Stampede* and *Kiva Steps*.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In conclusion,
- B. For example,
- C. However,
- D. In comparison,

Question ID 7a5fd34f

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ID: 7a5fd34f

In 1949, Frank Zamboni developed an ice rink resurfacing machine. As Zamboni’s machine moved along the rink’s surface, it first scraped off the top layer of ice. _____ it sprayed water into the deep grooves left behind by customers’ skates. Lastly, it smoothed over the newly formed ice.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For example,
- B. Next,
- C. Similarly,
- D. In contrast,

Question ID 1c2eff41

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1c2eff41

After appropriate permissions are granted, a typical archaeological dig begins with a surveyor making a detailed grid of the excavation site. Then, the site is carefully dug, and any artifacts found are recorded and mapped onto the site grid. _____ the artifacts are removed, cataloged, and analyzed in a laboratory.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. For instance,
- B. On the contrary,
- C. Earlier,
- D. Finally,

Question ID f3f485f2

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ID: f3f485f2

“O2 Arena,” an award-winning science fiction story by Nigerian author Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, takes place in an alternate version of Nigeria where breathable air is a rare commodity that is owned and sold by companies. _____ people must purchase it with currency called O2 credits.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. As a result,
- B. In any case,
- C. Nevertheless,
- D. Earlier,

Question ID 1914238e

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ID: 1914238e

Laetitia Ky’s hair is her art. Inspired by hairstyles from various African tribes, the Ivorian artist uses wire and thread to sculpt her hair into all kinds of shapes. _____ she once made her hair into the shape of the continent of Africa—including the island of Madagascar!

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Soon,
- B. Elsewhere,
- C. For example,
- D. However,

Question ID 14a68573

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ID: 14a68573

In studying whether jellyfish sleep, researchers Michael Abrams, Claire Bedbrook, and Ravi Nath attempted to answer three questions. _____ is there a period each day when the pulse rates of jellyfish decline? Second, do jellyfish respond more slowly to stimuli during that period? Finally, if prevented from sleeping, are jellyfish adversely affected?

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. As a result,
- B. First,
- C. Additionally,
- D. However,

Question ID 52fa334b

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ID: 52fa334b

Celebrated Tewa potter Maria Martinez (1887–1980) made her signature all-black ceramic vessels using a heating technique called reduction firing. This technique involves smothering the flame surrounding the clay vessel. _____ the vessel takes on a shiny, black hue.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. On the contrary,
- B. For example,
- C. Previously,
- D. As a result,

Question ID f5733cf2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f5733cf2

In the search for extraterrestrial life, astrobiologists Stuart Bartlett and Michael L. Wong propose that scientists avoid using the term “life.” _____ researchers should use another word: “lyfe.” This new term, they argue, could be used to draw distinctions between the known characteristics of life on Earth and the potentially differing characteristics of lyfe on other planets.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Previously,
- B. Regardless,
- C. There,
- D. Instead,

Question ID af75e4a6

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ID: af75e4a6

Ballet dancer Misty Copeland has accomplished a lot. She has appeared on Broadway, toured with Prince, and even served on the President’s Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition. _____ according to Copeland, nothing in her career matches the honor of being the first African American woman named principal dancer at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Thus,
- B. However,
- C. For example,
- D. Second of all,

Question ID 04f42627

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ID: 04f42627

In 1885, Chinese-born California resident Mary Tape became a hero of the Asian American civil rights movement. In January of that year, she won an antidiscrimination case in the California Supreme Court. _____ in April, she wrote an open letter criticizing her local board of education for discrimination. Both actions are remembered today as historic stands against racism.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Later,
- B. For instance,
- C. In other words,
- D. Rather,

Question ID cf073edb

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ID: cf073edb

As biologist Terrie Williams has documented, deep dives present a challenge for seals and other marine mammals. A seal must exert enough energy to propel itself hundreds of meters downward, while keeping its heart rate low enough that it doesn’t run out of oxygen while underwater. _____ a seal moves its flippers as little as possible on a deep dive, gliding to conserve energy.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. In the first place,
- B. On the other hand,
- C. For this reason,
- D. In comparison,

Question ID ffbbc28f

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ID: ffbbc28f

In 2014, Nestor Gomez won his first-ever storytelling competition, relating a tale about his life as a Guatemalan immigrant living in Chicago. _____ in 2017, Gomez created the show *80 Minutes Around the World* as a platform for others to share stories about their immigration experiences.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A. Instead,
- B. For example,
- C. Later,
- D. In other words,