

Solución Inglés Ujarrás – Linking Words

Las “linking words” son palabras utilizadas a la hora de hablar o escribir, para conectar frases u oraciones. Por ejemplo: “Por esta razón...”, “De esa manera...”, “Por lo tanto...”, “No obstante...”.

Estas se clasifican en distintos tipos: comparación, resumen, adición, enumeración, transición, referencia, ejemplo, resultado, contraste, reformulación, entre otras.

Can you insert appropriate transitional words in the following sentences? In the first exercise the category of transitional word is given. In the second exercise you will have to decide which category is most appropriate.

A.

Our state’s correctional system is plagued with problems. (a) **For example (example)**, high officials increase their personal wealth by awarding building and catering contracts to disreputable companies in return for bribes. (b) **In addition (addition)**, promotions within the system are made on the basis of politics, not merit. (c) **Therefore**, the system is filled **consequently (result)** with people at the top who know little about what they are doing. (d) **Also (addition)**, careless security measures, allowing trusted inmates to control certain operations of the institution, are part of the growing problem. But one increasing tendency in particular is doing harm to the system’s image and efficiency. This is the tendency of officials who are charged with important tasks and who make faulty decisions to cover up their mistakes. (e) **In conclusion**, one would think that amid all the strife some effort **overall (conclusion)** would be made to rectify these problems, but a seemingly dogged determination to resist change overshadows the system.

B.

Genetic screening in business, or testing the genes of employees to see if they are susceptible to workplace-related diseases, may present problems for the tested. (a) **First (enumeration)**, the genetic screening tests and technology in general are in their infancy stages. (b) **Consequently (result)**, many physicians and health professionals doubt their reliability. (c) **Furthermore (addition)**, once genetic information is recorded on employees, it cannot always be kept secret. Even though employers are assured that their medical files are confidential, clerical staff have access to them. (d) **Although (concession)**, if they are entered into a computer data base, they are available to anyone with access. (e) **As a result (result)**, some argue that such screening procedures are violations of personal rights. (f) **Specifically (example)**, many cite similarities between genetic screening and drug testing, noting that both involve a process of obtaining information from unwilling individuals that might affect them adversely. Opponents of genetic screening point out that some employees with the potential for workplace diseases would rather run the risk than lose their jobs.