

Transitions: Punctuation

When you use transitions, you have to be careful with punctuation.

For example, with these transitions, you need to know the three rules below:

However / Nevertheless / Still / Despite that / Nonetheless / Even so

Therefore / Consequently / As a Result / Thus / For this reason

1. You need to put a comma after them when they are at the beginning of a sentence.
 - ➔ My father is very strict. **However**, I know that he loves me.
 - ➔ Tennis is a very fun sport. **Therefore**, I play every weekend.

2. Also, you can use a semi-colon (...; however,...) or a period (... However,...).
 - ➔ We studied very hard; **despite that**, we both failed the test.
 - ➔ We studied very hard. **Despite that**, we both failed the test.

3. **You can not use only a comma** (... , however, ...).
 - ➔ James lost his job, **consequently**, he had to move in with his parents. **(Wrong!)**
 - ➔ James lost his job. **Consequently**, he had to move in with his parents. **(Right!)**
 - ➔ James lost his job; **consequently**, he had to move in with his parents. **(Right!)**

Write "C" if the punctuation is "correct" or "I" if the punctuation is incorrect.

If you write "I", fix the punctuation. (See page 77 for sample answers.)

1. ____ My uncle is a pilot. Even so, he is sometimes afraid of heights.
2. ____ Chris is the oldest boxer in the city, nevertheless, he hasn't lost any fights this year.
3. ____ Jacky was caught using her cell phone to cheat on the test. Therefore cell phones are now banned in classrooms.
4. ____ The politician has lied to the people many times. Still, many people vote for him.
5. ____ Our team trained much harder than the other teams, as a result we won the championship.
6. ____ This computer is the most expensive one; however, I don't think it's the best.
7. ____ Jack didn't have health insurance, consequently, he couldn't get treatment when he got sick.
8. ____ Rose said that she doesn't like cold weather nonetheless she decided to move to Canada.