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Core5 L17	Signal Words	4
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Read the sentences below and underline the signal word or phrase. Then, complete the sentence. Remember to pay attention to the signal word so that you add the correct information to the sentence.

1 Thunderstorms can be thrilling to see and hear although...
they can be dangerous.

2 After hours and hours, the snow stopped falling. Then...

3 My uncle does not enjoy the beach. On the contrary,...

4 The dog became covered in mud as...

5 My brother loves to put unusual toppings on his pizza such as...

6 The octopus is a unique creature. It has no bones, a huge head, and...

7 Ostriches do not fly like other birds. Instead,...

8 Forty years ago, many people wrote using pen and paper. Now...

9 Planting a vegetable garden can be rewarding. On the other hand,...

10 The garbage truck was noisy and foul-smelling. Moreover,...

11 Skateboarding without a helmet is dangerous. For example,...

12 I had done all my homework and studied for the test, yet...

★ Choose one sentence from above to use as a short story starter. Write at least one paragraph, and be sure to use signal words.

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1 Over time, a tadpole's body changes. For example,...
it grows legs.

2 There are many benefits to playing a team sport. Primarily,...

3 We watched the fireworks shoot up into the night sky as...

4 Sam hung the laundry outside to dry. Later...

5 We wanted to have a picnic at the park today, but...

6 Farmer Bill enjoyed his visit to the city though...

7 The American flag stands for freedom. The Statue of Liberty, too,...

8 The park is a beautiful place to visit in the spring. Similarly,...

9 My sister does not enjoy playing sports. On the other hand,...

10 Bottlenose dolphins do not often swim alone. Instead,...

11 At the restaurant, he ordered a hamburger and fries along with...

12 I was not always a good swimmer. At first,...

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Read the three types of signal words in the box. Then, underline the signal word or phrase in each sentence and write another word or phrase with a similar meaning above it.

addition	and, additionally, in addition to, moreover, furthermore, as well as, plus
summary	in brief, in short, in summary, in the end, ultimately, eventually, to sum up
example	for instance, for example, in particular, specifically, remarkably, notably

1	The Conquistadors brought tomato <u>and</u> as well as potato plants back to Europe.
2	In Braille, raised dots stand for letters. Additionally, each set of dots fits under a fingertip.
3	Some plants make seeds that float. Remarkably, coconut seeds are ocean voyagers.
4	Komodo dragons have teeth, scaly skin, four legs, and clawed feet.
5	Many plants grow from seeds. In particular, lilacs and tomatoes start as seeds.
6	My favorite book takes the reader on an adventure through time. To sum up, it has something for everyone!
7	Coral reefs are home to a variety of sea life. For example, some reefs have thousands of species of fish.
8	Ostriches are flightless birds with sharp eyesight. Additionally, they are fast runners.
9	The road race course circled around the lake and wove through the park. Eventually, the runners completed a loop that took them all over town.
10	In the end, kudzu had a new nickname: "the vine that ate the South."

★ Work with a partner to find at least ten signal words or phrases in a classroom book or textbook.

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time	currently, as, now, at first, later, subsequently, while, initially
comparison	likewise, also, in the same way, as well, too, similarly
contrast	although, however, on the other hand, in contrast, on the contrary, yet

1	<u>In contrast</u> My brother likes chocolate ice cream the best. <u>On the other hand</u> , my favorite ice cream is vanilla.
2	Almost 30,000 species of fish have been named by scientists, yet many more undiscovered species exist.
3	The kudzu vine covers trees while it climbs toward sunlight.
4	People tried to save the scared hippo. Initially, the hippo thrashed at the rescuers.
5	He used to be afraid of dogs but later got a puppy of his own.
6	Bats can fly and hunt in the dark by listening to sound waves. Similarly, submarines locate other objects in the ocean by tracking underwater echoes.
7	The yo-yo became popular in the United States in the 1930s. At first, millions were sold.
8	I grew up on a farm in the country. In contrast, my cousins grew up in the city.
9	Our solar system used to have nine planets. Currently, there are eight.
10	Cumulus clouds have puffy tops. Stratus clouds, however, look like flat sheets.

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