



Practise and consolidate your learning about signpost words by completing our activities. Remember to refer to the Study Notes for this episode if you need help.

The answers for **all** activities are on page 3.

ACTIVITY 1

What information is being conveyed in each sentence based on the signpost word/s used? Choose the appropriate function from the choices in the box below. You may use any function more than once.

A	resuming	D	gaining time
B	summarising	E	intensifying
C	timing	F	reformulating ideas

- The report had too many errors. His manager was, **to put it mildly**, annoyed.
- The doctor can see you tomorrow. **Meanwhile**, take some aspirin and rest in bed.
- In a nut shell**, the construction of the day care centre is ready to go.
- As I was saying**, there just isn't enough support for the office restructure.
- There are high levels of pollution in the city. The government, **you know**, is going to restrict the number of cars entering city centres.
- As a matter of fact**, there are no restrictions on the goods.
- The shopping complex **eventually** opened for business two years after the fire.
- Bungy jumping was quite an experience, **or rather** a terrifying experience.
- In short**, I'm glad I went to my high school reunion.
- Let me see**, autumn is probably the best time of year because the weather is very pleasant.



ACTIVITY 2

Choose the best ending based on the signpost word used in each sentence.

1. We were hoping the weather would improve **so**
 - a. it wouldn't be cold.
 - b. we could go on our picnic.
2. There are some good movies that are worth seeing. **Alternatively**,
 - a. you could go to the cinema in the city.
 - b. you could take in some of the night life.
3. **Despite** being good at maths,
 - a. Hilary couldn't get a teaching position.
 - b. Hilary was offered a teaching position.
4. It's really convenient to take the overnight train. **As a matter of fact**,
 - a. we wouldn't advise doing that.
 - b. that's what we did.
5. There are many tasty dishes, **in particular**
 - a. the roast duck with steamed vegetables.
 - b. the ones served in the Thai restaurant.
6. The electrical storm caused a black out. **In the meantime**,
 - a. we lit a candle and used a battery-operated radio.
 - b. there were no lights or radio transmission available.
7. They left the party early **on account of**
 - a. the impending storm.
 - b. the time.
8. I'm glad I'm studying accounting **because**
 - a. my father chose the subject.
 - b. I like working with numbers.
9. I really did well in the sciences and languages **but**
 - a. failed history and geography.
 - b. passed history and English.
10. It's best to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables **because**
 - a. your risk of heart disease can improve.
 - b. your risk of heart disease can decrease.



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

1. F
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. D
6. E
7. C
8. F
9. B
10. D

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. a
7. a
8. b
9. a
10. b