



TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS

Check that you understand the meaning of the linking words in the box below.
Which of them are conjunctions (= spojky)? Which are prepositions (= předložky)?

despite	although	in spite of	even though	however	while
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PRACTICE1: Choose the correct option.

1 We managed to get to the office _____ the heavy snow.

- A in spite of B however C while

2 _____ needing a rest, the team continued to work.

- A In spite B Despite C Although

3 I like peaches. I don't like bananas,

- A whereas B on the other hand C though

4 The film was good, _____ it was also very frightening.

- A despite B but C in spite

5 Paul can drive a car, _____ Charles can ride a motorbike.

- A whereas B even though C despite

6 _____ she isn't fond of classical music, she went to the concert.

- A However B Even though C Despite

PRACTICE 2: Read the whole text and then underline the correct word/phrase.

The party was a disaster. **Although/To begin with**, there were hardly any people there. **All in all/As a result**, there wasn't a very exciting atmosphere. **After that/In addition**, the stereo had broken, **because/so** there was no music to dance to. **On the whole/In the end**, we all watched a film on television. I left **before/as soon as** I could. **In short/Next**, it was a terrible evening.

PRACTICE 3: Join the sentences using the word(s) in brackets.

1 He was hungry. He bought a sandwich. (**so**)

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2 Claire is very tall. She is very thin. (**what is more**)

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3 I was tired. I watched the late film. (**despite**)

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4 John did his homework. His brother tidied the kitchen. (**while**)

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5 Tom likes football. Stuart likes basketball. (**whereas**)

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6 Jason doesn't like tomatoes. Paul doesn't like tomatoes. (**neither, nor**)

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PRACTICE 4: Read the text and choose the most suitable option.

There are many reasons for visiting the city of Rome. 1) _____, it is a city with an interesting history. 2) _____, it was the capital of the Roman Empire. 3) _____, Rome is very beautiful, 4) _____ its many places, churches and squares. 5) _____, many of the city's classical monuments have been preserved, 6) _____ it is possible to see how the city used to be. 7) _____, many people travel to Rome every year. 8) _____, I believe that 9) _____ a trip to Rome may be expensive, it is well worth visiting such a wonderful city.

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| 1) A Since | B On the whole | C Firstly |
| 2) A Secondly | B Finally | C Therefore |
| 3) A In order to | B Moreover | C All in all |
| 4) A thanks to | B because | C so |
| 5) A Apart from | B However | C In addition |
| 6) A because | B so | C and |
| 7) A Because | B But | C For this reason |
| 8) A To sum up | B Although | C For example |
| 9) A moreover | B although | C due to |

5 Study the list of transitional expressions and add their Czech equivalents. (Note when a comma is typically used and when it's not common.)

EXPRESSIONS IMPROVING TEXT COHESION AND COHERENCE

Comparing, contrasting

- In the same way, ...
- On the one hand, ...
- On the other hand, ...
- Both ...and ...
- In contrast, ...
- On the contrary, ...
- Nevertheless,
- However,
- , whereas...

Indicating reason or result

- , so ...
- so that ...
- because ...
- since ...
- as ...
 - + subject + verb
- because of + noun clause
- To + infinitive
- In order to + infinitive
- As a result, ...
- Consequently, ...
- Therefore, ...

Adding information

- **Besides, ...**
- **In addition, ...**
- **What is more, ...**
- **Furthermore, ...**
- **Moreover, ...**
- **, as well as**
- **also**

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