ELA A 10 Transitions Words Worksheet

A. For each of the following functions, provide two suitable transition words. Example: time then meanwhile

Example: time	<u> </u>
1. cause and effect subsequently	because/ since/ hence/ consequently/ as a result/ therefore/ accordingly/ thus/ so/
2. emphasis	in fact/ indeed/ clearly / undoubtedly/ certainly/ in other words/ that is to say/ mainly/ as I have said
3. contrast	but/ although/ yet/ however/ despite/ whereas/ in contrast/ instead/ nevertheless/ nonetheless/ in spite of/ on the contrary/ on the other hand/
4. addition	another/ in fact/ that is/ also/ too/ besides/ namely/ likewise/ furthermore/ moreover/ in addition/ to illustrate/ similarly/ for example/ equally important/ for instance/ in the same way/ for the same reason
5. similarity	in other words/ likewise/ similarly/ again/ also
6. space	beside/ above/ beyond/ below/ here/ there/ behind/ nearby/ in front/ across/ between/ over adjacent/ down/ up/ next to/ to the right/ to the left
7. conclude	in brief/ in summary/ in short/ to conclude/ finally/ on the whole/ in conclusion/ therefore/ as a result/ last
8. connections	answers will vary

B. Improve the following paragraph by adding transition words and phrases. Rewrite the improved paragraph in the space provided.

Friday is the best day of the week. Friday means the end of school for two glorious days. I get to do all the things I cannot do during the week. I love Fridays. I get to stay up really late. I am allowed to watch movies into the wee hours of the morning. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, I can sleep in as long as I want to. My friends are allowed to stay over night. On Fridays my brother makes my favourite food: his famous seven-layer pizza. That is the best part of Friday. Friday is terrific!

Suggested Response (Answers may vary. Note as well that placement of transitions may vary. Transitions can be placed at the beginning, end, or middle of sentences)

Friday is the best day of the week because/ since it means the end of school for two glorious days. Since/Because I get to do all the things I can't do during the week, I love Fridays. First/To begin/ Sometimes/From time to time/, I get to stay up really late. Next/Then/Second/Also/In addition/Furthermore/, I am allowed to watch movies into the wee hours of the morning. Third/In addition/Moreover, on Saturday and Sunday mornings, I can sleep in as long as I want to. My friends are allowed to stay over night from time to time/occasionally/sometimes. Finally/Last and most importantly/chiefly/especially important, on Fridays my brother makes my favourite food: his famous seven-layer pizza. That is certainly/undoubtedly/indeed/in fact the best part of Friday. In brief /To conclude/ In closing/ In conclusion/ On the whole, Friday is terrific!