

Stronger Connections Answer Key

1. **I wanted to play basketball; however, my friend wanted to play soccer.**
(*"However" improves contrast instead of a simple "and."*)
2. **The sun was shining; therefore, we decided to go for a walk.**
(*"Therefore" shows cause-effect more clearly than "so."*)
3. **He studied for hours; moreover, he reviewed his notes again before the test.**
(*"Moreover" signals extra effort better than "then."*)
4. **I love reading novels; in addition, I also enjoy writing stories.**
(*"In addition" is stronger than a plain "and."*)
5. **She was tired; nevertheless, she stayed awake to finish her homework.**
(*"Nevertheless" or "however" shows contrast more strongly than "but."*)
6. **The movie was long; moreover, it was also very exciting.**
(*"Moreover" adds strength to the addition idea.*)
7. **He forgot his lunch; as a result, he was very hungry by afternoon.**
(*Cause-effect is emphasized with "as a result."*)
8. **The two sisters were very different. One liked sports; on the other hand, the other liked music.**
(*"On the other hand" highlights contrast instead of a weak "and."*)

Teacher Notes

- This worksheet builds editing skills by asking students to **upgrade transitions**, not just supply them.
- Encourage discussion: Why is "however" better than "and" in sentence 1? Why does "as a result" strengthen sentence 7?
- Multiple correct answers may be possible, but they must clearly fit the sentence meaning.
- Extension: Give students a paragraph with repetitive transitions ("and," "then," "so") and have them rewrite it with stronger alternatives.