

Conjunctive Adverbs

Name: _____

Conjunctive adverbs connect independent clauses. As their name suggests, conjunctive adverbs can be considered both adverbs and conjunctions because they modify the second clause in addition to connecting it to the preceding clause. What you need to know is that they can sometimes start a new independent clause (sentence), so they must be punctuated correctly.

Here is a partial list of conjunctive adverbs. Learn them, live them, love them:

also	indeed	now
anyway	instead	otherwise
besides	likewise	similarly
certainly	meanwhile	still
finally	moreover	then
furthermore	namely	therefore
however	nevertheless	thus
incidentally	next	undoubtedly

Like many other adverbs and unlike other conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs can be moved to different positions in a clause. For example:

The cider tasted bitter; *however*, each of us drank a tall glass of it.
The cider tasted bitter; each of us, *however*, drank a tall glass of it.
The cider tasted bitter. Each of us drank a tall glass of it, *however*.

When a conjunctive adverb is placed at the beginning of the second independent clause, these clauses must be separated by a semicolon or period (not just a comma) and followed by a comma.

Punctuate the following sentences so they are correct (do not use periods).

Warning: Make sure that if you use a semicolon, you have an independent clause on both sides! Underline the conjunctive adverb.

Example:

We saw many children playing in the marsh however this was not a safe place to play.

We saw many children playing in the marsh; however, this was not a safe place to play.

We saw many children playing in the marsh; this was not, however, a safe place to play.

1. It is great to see you again indeed now you can pay me the money you owe me.
2. First put toothpaste on your toothbrush next brush your teeth.
3. Pokey is an outside cat she greets me nevertheless at the front door each night as I arrive.
4. I will give you lots of candy for Valentines Day incidentally what are you getting me?
5. Harry Potter is very popular nevertheless he isn't everyone's favorite.
6. I'm watching the birds in my backyard thus the earthworms are scarce.
7. A group of geese is called a gaggle furthermore a group of crows is called a murder.
8. It is cold it is still however a nice day to take a stroll.
9. Cinnamon is a common spice thus you find it in a lot of recipes.
10. Frank and Marla were getting married in June, so Frank thought that it was essential therefore to register for gifts immediately.
11. Marla wants a really big wedding then she wants to go around the world for their honeymoon.
12. Frank is a tad frugal instead of all this hullabaloo he is insisting on a backyard picnic.
13. They should look into some premarital counseling otherwise their relationship could be doomed.