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¹First, start with wet sand so it will pack well. ²Finally, smooth the sand out until your castle looks the way you want it. ³There are many ways to make a sandcastle. ⁴Then, press the sand into shapes to form the castle.

In what order should these sentences be arranged in order to create a logical paragraph?

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - C. 3, 1, 4, 2
 - D. 4, 2, 1, 3
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2.

It was summertime, and Rebecca felt uneasy about the next two and a half months. Rebecca did not know how to swim. Therefore, she never went near the swimming pool. She was afraid that if she fell in, she would drown. _____, her brother was having quite a good time in the kiddy pool. He was only two years old so it was okay for him to be in there. Rebecca remembered the days when she swam in the kiddy pool. She had to get over her fears and make the big pool her new home for the summer.

Which transitional word should go between the paragraphs?

- A. Indeed
 - B. Therefore
 - C. Meanwhile
 - D. Furthermore
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3.

Tetras, which come primarily from South America, can be found in a wide variety of colors. The cardinal tetra has neon blue and red stripes, while the lemon tetra is a semi-transparent yellow. Tetras are freshwater fish and are relatively strong and easy to keep. They are very peaceful, undemanding fish and can be kept with other non-aggressive fish of the same size. Most tetras need a diet of live food, preferably fruit flies, although some will also eat vegetables, such as lettuce. All tetras need plenty of open space in the tank to swim. Lighting in their aquarium should be moderately bright.

Which sentence would NOT add new information to the paragraph above?

- A. The bleeding-heart tetra has a red spot on its side.
 - B. Other fish in the tank should not be bigger or smaller.
 - C. If no other food can be found, they will eat dried food.
 - D. The water in the aquarium should be about 75 degrees.
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4. The part of a book that contains references to other sources is called the

- A. atlas.
 - B. index.
 - C. glossary.
 - D. bibliography.
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5. Which would be the BEST closing sentence for the paragraph below?

Leonard watched as two of his classmates were shooting baskets on the court outside their school. He wished he could join them, but wasn't sure exactly how to ask if he could play. As he stood there thinking, suddenly the basketball bounced near his feet. As he caught the ball, the other kids smiled at him and asked him to join.

- A. Leonard had learned how to play basketball when he was in third grade.
 - B. Basketball is Leonard's favorite sport to watch on television.
 - C. Leonard lives about five blocks away from the school.
 - D. Leonard played basketball with his new friends for the rest of the afternoon.
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6. Which of the following is an annual publication with a calendar for the year?

- A. atlas
 - B. almanac
 - C. thesaurus
 - D. dictionary
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7. Where would you look to find the detailed history of a word?

- A. road atlas
 - B. farmer's almanac
 - C. bibliography page
 - D. unabridged dictionary
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8.

The best place to find caterpillars is often right in your backyard. They are usually found in flower and vegetable gardens. However, be careful! Some caterpillars can sting! Bees and wasps sting, too. When you do find one, use a soft brush to push it gently into the jar. Next, cover the top of the jar with tissue paper and secure it with a rubber band. Put a sturdy stick in the jar. This will give it something on which to hang its cocoon, or chrysalis. Then, put the jar in a safe place away from drafts and direct sunlight.

Which words or phrases from the passage are used as transition words?

- A. remove, drop
 - B. patient, lucky
 - C. often, usually
 - D. however, next, then
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9. You caught a snake that you think is a garter snake, but you want to know for sure. Which is the BEST way to find out?

- A. watch a nature show on TV
 - B. look in a book about reptiles
 - C. read a magazine about animals
 - D. look in the dictionary under garter
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10.

Every summer Shannon's family would go to the beach as often as they could. They knew several other families that went to the beach often too, so Shannon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. If it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. After dinner they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks, Shannon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending time at the beach was Shannon's favorite part of the summer.

The word *after* is used as a transition word in the paragraph above. Which BEST describes the purpose of the transition word?

- A. to show a progression over time
- B. to show a contrast between two ideas
- C. to give an example of a particular idea
- D. to make a comparison between two ideas

Answer Key

1. C) 3, 1, 4, 2
2. C) Meanwhile
3. B) Other fish in the tank should not be bigger or smaller.
4. D) bibliography.
5. D) Leonard played basketball with his new friends for the rest of the afternoon.
6. B) almanac
7. D) unabridged dictionary
8. D) however, next, then
9. B) look in a book about reptiles
10. A) to show a progression over time