LECTURE 6

b- Subordinators

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A subordinator (subordinating conjunction) is the first word in a dependent clause. A dependent clause is always connected to an independent clause to make a sentence. The sentence may or may not have a comma. The general rule is this: Put a comma after a dependent clause but not in front of one.

التوابع هي أول كلمة في الجملة غير المستقلة. الجملة غير المستقلة ترتبط دائماً بجملة مستقلة ليتم أو يتكوّن المعنى. وربما تحتوي على فاصلة وربما لا، ولكن القاعدة العامة تقول إن كانت الفاصلة ضرورية فضعها بعد الجملة غير المستقلة ولا تضعها قبلها.

Although the company's sales increased last year, its net profit declined.

The company's net profit declined last year although its sales increased.

The transition signals in this group include nouns such as example, adjectives such as additional, prepositions such as in addition to, verbs such as cause, and adverbs such as too.

There are no punctuation rules for this group, but it is important to notice what kinds of words follow these signals.

لا توجد قاعدة علامات ترقيم لهذه المجموعة ولكن من المهم أن ننتبه لنوع الكلمة التي تلي هذه الإشارات.

Examples:

An **additional** reason for the company's bankruptcy was the lack of competent management. (*Additional* is an adjective, so it is followed by a noun.)

In addition to increased competition, the lack of competent management caused the company's bankruptcy. (*In addition to* is a preposition, so it is followed by a noun or noun phrase.)

Vocabulary differences between British and American English include words such as bonnet/hood, petrol/gasoline, windscreen/windshield, and lorry/truck. (Such as is followed by a noun or noun phrase.)

Practice 1: Recognizing Transition Signals Step 1: Circle all the transition signals in the following paragraphs. Step 2: Punctuate the transition signals if necessary.

في القطعة التالية أحط بدائرة على إشارات الانتقال ثم أضف علامة الترقيم المناسبة إذا لزم الأمر.

On the other hand not everyone is positive about gene-splicing technology. Some people feel that it could have terrible consequences. In fact a type of corn engineered to kill a certain insect pest also threatened to annihilate¹ desirable monarch butterflies. In another accident, a genetically engineered type of corn that was approved only for animal consumption because it was toxic to humans accidentally cross-pollinated with corn grown for humans. As a result many countries banned imports of genetically modified corn for several years. Furthermore the ability to clone human beings is a possibility that frightens many people. In 2004, two South Korean scientists reported that they had successfully cloned a human embryo (Dreifus).² The embryo did not develop into a baby however it is possible that one could do so in the future, a possibility that not everyone is comfortable with.

Genetic³ Engineering

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Practice 2:

Choose the transition signal that best shows the relationship between the sentences in each group.

(الدكتور في المحاضرة قال أن هذا التمرين مثال على سؤال ممكن يجي في الاختبار)

 A recent article in *Era* magazine suggested ways to reduce inflation. The article suggested that the president reduce the federal budget ______, it suggested that the government reduce federal, state, and local taxes. (however, in contrast, furthermore)

اخترنا furthermore لأننا adding more information (أضفنا معلومة).

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اخترنا however لأنها opposite idea (فكرة مناقضة أو مختلفة).

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اخترنا therefore لأنها Giving a reason (أفادت سبباً). ملاحظة: (إذا كانت جملة واحدة نضع فاصلة منقوطة ثم الكلمة ثم الفاصلة وإذا كانت في جملتين نضع نقطة ثم الكلمة ثم الفاصلة). **Practice 3:**

Fill in each blank with an appropriate transition signal from the list provided. Use each signal only once. Add punctuation if necessary.

for example, in fact, similarly, also, indeed, third, second, final and most convincing

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One stereotype about North Americans says that they are obsessed with time. It sometimes seems true that for North Americans, time seems as valuable as money. (1) In fact, they even say, "Time is money". (2) Also, have you noticed how many verbs can be followed by both time and money? (3) For example, you can spend time, save time, lose time, find time, make time, waste time, and run out of time. (4) Similarly, you can spend, save, lose, find, make, waste, and run out of money. (5) Second, North Americans seem to regard time as a "thing" that one can own. You can have time, buy time, and take time. (One wonders how much it costs and where it is taken.) A (6) third piece of evidence that North Americans are obsessed with time is their fanaticism about always being on time.(7) Indeed, people who are habitually late risk punishment ranging from frowning disapproval to losing their jobs. The (8) final and most convincing proof is that these poor people sometimes take courses in time management! That is really overdoing it, don't you

ملاحظة: الدكتور بعد ما حل التمرين قال "مع احترامي للأجوبة لكن فيه إجابة ممكن تحتمل موقعين" ?agree