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Compound Sentences—Middle Grades

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for example	likewise	Then
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however		

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The sentence has two complete sentences that are joined with “therefore.”

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2. Pam is the best player on the team; therefore, the award should go to her.
3. You should pick up the paper that you dropped on the floor; otherwise, we might all get in trouble.
4. The party is supposed to be a surprise; in other words, don't tell Chris!
5. I am trying to get my homework done; meanwhile, my sister gets to play outside.

Use a conjunctive adverb from the list above to join the two sentences.

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2. I have Mrs. Jones for science; _____, I have Mr. Cape for math.
3. You probably shouldn't jump off of that ledge; _____, it's a really dangerous thing to do.
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