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likewise

more
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otherwise
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rather

so
then
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thus
usually

- Complete each sentence correctly using transitions.

1. Once _____, then _____
2. Before _____, _____
3. For instance, _____
4. The sky is _____; otherwise, _____
5. _____ especially _____
6. Finally, _____

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2. Before the grass sprouts, it must be watered thoroughly.
3. For instance, the first batter is called the "lead-off hitter".
4. The sky is threatening rain; otherwise, it's a perfect day for baseball.
5. The game is especially close as it enters the ninth inning.
6. Finally, the Fremont Gulls have defeated the San Jose Seals.

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