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Paragraphs and adverbials

Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials.

Read the following passage and try to identify and highlight 14 uses of adverbials:

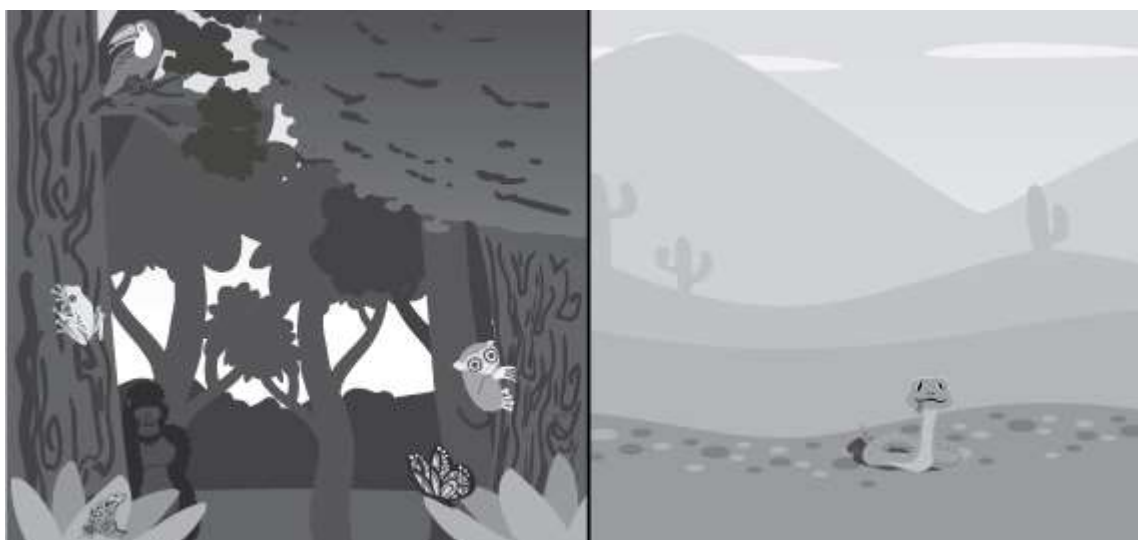
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On the other hand, deserts occur in a variety of locations. They are usually at low latitudes but at higher latitudes there are cold deserts.

Most rainforests have very high levels of rain, at least 2000mm per year. In comparison, desert precipitation levels are less than 300mm per year. Despite this, some plants do grow in the desert and are specially adapted to very dry conditions.

Animals need food and water to thrive. For this reason, rainforests are an ideal habitat for a variety of animals. In fact, rainforests have the greatest diversity of any ecosystem. In addition to this, they contain a huge variety of plants. Furthermore, these plants are not the low-lying shrubs and trees found in the desert but dense and towering species.



In the passage above, a variety of adverbials have been used. Pick out examples of the following:

| | Example | Your examples from the passage |
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| Contrast/comparison | e.g. however | |
| Place | e.g. in the countryside | |
| Clarification | e.g. in conclusion | |
| Frequency | e.g. often | |
| Exception | e.g. even though | |
| Cause and effect | e.g. as a consequence | |
| Emphasis | e.g. most importantly | |

Year 5 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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| in the tropical rainforest | frequent | despite this | consequently | in fact | in contrast | in addition to this |
| near the earth's equator | usually | | subsequently | | on the other hand | furthermore |
| | | | for this reason | | in comparison | |