

Tricky Connectors: a corpus

“**Unlike** heavy timbers, which burned slowly enough to provide time to evacuate a factory, naked steel beams would begin to twist and distort before they melted. A factory made of reinforced concrete, **on the other hand**, was inherently fireproof.”¹

1. MIT undergraduates receive an excellent academic education. On the other hand,
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The federal government subsidized many programs that helped develop the automobile. **By contrast**, streetcar companies received little government support.

SUVs have not improved transportation. **On the contrary**, they have turned ordinary roads into battlegrounds.

2. Professor Doherty is not an easy teacher; on the contrary, _____
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Contrary to what SUV manufacturers would like us to believe, SUVs are in fact very dangerous to drive.

“The historical pattern [of mixed-use neighborhoods] was also harmed by the postwar notion that people shouldn’t live in the same place where business was. After World War II, it was deemed inhumane to let people live over a delicatessen, or an insurance agency, or a plant store – **or conversely**, to sell milk and newspapers in a residential neighborhood.”²

“The mall commercialized the public realm, **just as** the insurance business commercialized fate.”³

“A chair in a film is never just a chair, it is an insight into character. **Likewise**, in a novel if a chair is described, it is always more than a place to sit.”⁴

“Buildings are constructed **so as** to solve practical problems.”⁵

The company’s sales grew last year; **indeed**, they almost doubled.

There was some debate, but now it is clear that the tenth planet is **indeed** larger than Pluto.

¹ Kunstler, James Howard. *Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America’s Man-Man Landscape*. Reprint ed. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 1994, p. 68. ISBN: 0671888250.

² Ibid., p. 141.

³ Ibid., p. 119.

⁴ Ballantyne, Andrew. *Architecture: A Very Short Introduction*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2002, p. 24. ISBN: 0192801791.

⁵ Ibid., p. 21.