

Connectives 8

Read the article below. Fill in each blank with the appropriate connective word from the box. Each word in the box is used once.

since	and	for example	because	to conclude	however
but	therefore	also	but	similarly	and

Most people are familiar with the strengths (1) _____ weaknesses of popular Internet search engines like Google or Yahoo. Sometimes you can find what you're looking for instantly whereas at other times, searching for something which may or may not exist can be a frustrating and time-consuming experience.

One place you can go to, to get the information you want is Wikipedia. As its name suggests it's a form of encyclopedia. It's already the largest information source in history (2) _____ it contains a massive amount of information. What makes Wikipedia unique, though, is that it's a democratic project. (3) _____, the content is completely free to access, (4) _____ it's written entirely by unpaid volunteers. Changes and additions are being made all the time to articles which exist already. (5) _____, it's also possible to contribute whole new articles. Basically, anyone can contribute, once they've understood the basics of editing the pages.

A question that many people ask is, 'How can I tell if the information is accurate?' Some people, (6) _____ example, professionals and academics, have criticised Wikipedia for this very reason. The short answer is you can't tell, (7) _____ then how can anybody be sure that the information in a conventional encyclopedia is accurate? (8) _____, how can you be sure the information in a newspaper is accurate?

(9) _____, it's unlikely that the more conventional information sources will ever be completely replaced by Wikipedia, (10) _____ this ambitious project has helped make information available to everyone who has the Internet. Anyone can contribute and anyone can read it, and, most importantly, it's free. (11) _____, it is completely democratic (12) _____ it isn't only available to people with the ability to pay.