

Connectives 12

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

for example	but	firstly	therefore	so	and
and	because	similarly	however	secondly	besides

If you are going to be driving through Paris on a weekday, there are a few things you need to know about the congestion charge. (1) _____, you don't need to worry about paying all the time (2) _____ the charge applies between seven in the morning (3) _____ half past six in the evening, Monday to Friday. (4) _____, you'll be pleased to hear, (5) _____ that, because the scheme is intended to reduce traffic during busy working hours, evenings (6) _____ weekends are free.

If you enter the zone during the charging times, you will have to pay the standard charge of eight euros, which you can pay until 10 o'clock on the same day. After ten o'clock this charge rises to ten euros. (7) _____, be warned, if you fail to pay before midnight, you will have to pay an automatic penalty charge. (8) _____, it is better to pay on time.

Let's move on to paying. The cost is eight euros per day and the authorities have set up a number of ways to make it easy for you to pay, or rather, to ensure that nobody has a good excuse for not paying. (9) _____, using your credit card, you can pay by phone, by text message. (10) _____, you can pay on the Internet. (11) _____, you can go to one of the 200 Pay Points inside the zone or the 9500 Pay Points elsewhere in the country. If you know you're going to be driving in and out of Paris on a regular basis, there are other options. (12) _____, you can buy weekly, monthly or annual passes, rather like a railway season ticket.