



You are going to listen to an extract from a TED talk. Identify the two discourse markers used. One introduces an opinion, the other an explanation.

Look at two more extracts from the talk. What kind of idea do you expect to follow each discourse marker?

Then listen and check.

1 When you grow up in a developing country like India, as I did, you instantly learn to get more value from limited resources and find creative ways to reuse what you already have. **Take ...**



2 When I first saw this building, I told myself it's some kind of postmodern house. **Actually, ...**

More Discourse Markers

Complete the dialogue with **ONE** word in each gap.

Mario: It sounds like you've been keeping yourself busy. I'm surprised you spend any time at all at home. By the _____, how are the new neighbours?

Kristina: We aren't exactly friends. As a _____ of fact, I don't like them at all. We're always arguing about something silly like the noise the kids make or their dog

Mario: At _____ you're still on speaking terms.

Kristina: Just about. They're not very reasonable, I _____, they don't see that what they do might upset people living around them. I'm not sure I want to spend the rest of my life warring with the neighbours, to be honest.

Mario: In other _____, you're thinking of moving?

Kristina: Well, on the _____ hand, it's a decent flat and a great location but on the _____ hand, maybe we need a change. After _____, we have been here nine years

Mario: What would the kids say?

Kristina: As _____ as they're concerned, anywhere with internet access would do. On the _____, a new place might be the best thing for everyone.

Answers

way / matter / least / mean / words / one, other, all / far, whole