

## 3B GRAMMAR discourse markers (2): adverbs and adverbial expressions

- a Complete the extracts from the presentation with the discourse markers from the list.

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Hi, everyone. The historical figure I've chosen for my mini-presentation is Oliver Cromwell. You may not have heard of him before, but <sup>1</sup> *in fact* he was one of the most influential figures in the history of the British Isles. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I don't have time to give you all the details about his life in only five minutes, but let's start with some dates...

...<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, you might be interested in finding out more about the English Civil War. It was a very violent and unstable period in the country's development, during which thousands of people were wounded or killed. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, to get back to the main subject of my presentation, Cromwell...

...Cromwell did not accept the absolute power of the king, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, he strongly believed that his country should be governed not only by the king, but also by Parliament. After joining the army as a soldier, he eventually became a commander and led his troops in the Civil War which ended in the defeat and execution of the king. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this, Cromwell also led military campaigns in Ireland and Scotland. He was later named as Lord Protector of England, or, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the absolute leader of the country...

...<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, there are two contrasting opinions about Oliver Cromwell. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, some people believe that he was a great hero who liberated his country by overthrowing the king. On the other hand, he is regarded by many as a violent dictator whose actions led to the oppression and death of many people...

...<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that Oliver Cromwell was an extremely important figure in British history, whatever you think about him. Thank you for listening. Does anyone have any questions? I'm not the world's greatest expert on British history, but I'm happy to try to answer...

### ACTIVATION

- b Prepare a five-minute mini-presentation about a famous historical figure who interests you. If you need to find information, try searching on the internet in English. When you prepare your mini-presentation, use the discourse markers from the exercise above.