

Office Changes

Julia leaned back in her chair, thinking over the company changes that had been announced that morning. As the office manager, she was responsible for passing 30 _____ new information to her team. At 9:00, her phone rang sharply, 31 _____ her out of her thoughts. It was Alex, one of her oldest colleagues, who had worked with her through 32 _____ and thin.

“It’s strange, Julia,” Alex 33 _____, “I never imagined so many changes happening at once.” Julia agreed, knowing this was a time when many employees were worried about the future. Just yesterday, she had 34 _____ a conversation in the break room, where people were discussing rumors of budget cuts and restructuring.

In the past, employees had viewed the company as a stable workplace, a place where they could see themselves long-term. Now, 35 _____, those feelings were fading. Julia had spoken with a few department heads, who had expressed similar concerns, and some of them had started updating their résumés. The uncertainty had created a sense of unease that was difficult to ignore.

Julia planned a meeting later that day to address her team’s concerns, hoping to reassure them and make them feel more secure. As she prepared her notes, she thought of how much the company had evolved since she joined. While change could be challenging, Julia 36 _____ herself that it also brought new opportunities, which she would emphasize in her meeting.

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- 1) although
- 2) however
- 3) moreover
- 4) therefore