Getting Organized with Discourse Markers

Discourse Markers are words and phrases that we use to connect, organize, and manage what we say or write. You can use discourse markers to:

A. Start or end a conversation
B. Change or manage a topic
C. Order what you say.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Underline the discourse marker. Then, on the line, indicate how it is functioning in the sentence by writing A, B or C on the line.

1. Right, let’s get on with it then.
2. So, I’ll see you next week.
3. Anyway, we eventually found what we were looking for.
4. Right. Talk to you later!
5. On the other hand, I really wanted to sleep!
6. Okay, I would be glad to walk you through this.
7. First of all, I have to give you the background.
8. Anyway, that about wraps it up.
9. Great! We’re all here.