

TRANSITIONS WORKSHEET

Transitions bridge the gap between ideas. They may be words or phrases used in the beginning, middle, and/or end of body paragraphs to lead the reader to a new idea and explain connections between the old and new ideas.

Most composition textbooks have a section on transitions. If students struggle in this area, it would be a good idea to teach them how to locate the section on transitions in their textbook and help them make sense of the ideas there.

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2. Have students go through the body paragraphs in an essay they wrote. Ask students to underline all transitional words. If students did not use very many, ask them to add one or two (no more) transitional word to each paragraph to help the

3. Review punctuation of transitional words with students by looking at the last paragraph on this page for trends. **RULE:** When these transitional words start sentences, a comma follows them. When these words are in the middle of sentences, they have a comma before and after them. Have students check the punctuation of transitional words and phrases in the body paragraphs of their essay.

NOTE: In addition to words, sentences can act as transitions. These transitional sentences can also occur in the beginning, middle and/or end of a paragraph. If one body paragraph is, for example, about the writer's experience with overspending on trendy clothes and the next body paragraph is about overs

as a last resort
in particular

TIME

previously
meanwhile
afterward
shortly after
eventually
promptly
beforehand
later
immediately
soon
gradually
in the future

PLACE

here
there
nearby
in this location
on the opposite side
in this vicinity

SUMMATION

finally
in other words
to sum up
in conclusion

ILLUSTRATION

for example
in other words
namely
to illustrate
for instance
in particular
that is

QUALIFICATION

after all
by contrast
in contrast
whereas
specifically

especially
although
despite
though
yet
frequently
in general

CONCESSION

to be sure
granted
certainly
of course
no doubt
doubtless

RESTRICTION

if provided
provided
in case
unless
lest
when