

Reference Page

Transitions, like bridges between your thoughts, help readers move from one idea to the next. The words and phrases listed below are just an example of the many transitions you may use in your writing.



Transitions Words & Phrases

To Show Order or Time Frame

After	Following
Before	Initially
Currently	Later
During	Meanwhile
Finally	Previously
First	Second

To Add Information

Additionally	Furthermore
Along with this	In addition
Also	
Another	
As well	
For instance	

To Indicate a Cause or Reason

As a result	Since
Because	With this in mind
Because of	
Due to	

To Give Examples

Evidence of this	In this case
For example	Such as
For instance	
In particular	

To Compare

As	In comparison
Compared to	Similar to
Like	Similarly

To Contrast

Although	On the other hand
But	
Except	In spite of
In contrast	Whereas
	Yet

To Emphasize

Always	Never
Especially	Surprisingly
In fact	Without a doubt

To Conclude

As a result	Lastly
Finally	Therefore
In conclusion	Thus
In summary	To sum up

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Task Cards



- ★ Select four task cards of your choice
- ★ On a separate sheet of paper, write 1-3 sentences in response to each task card. Underline all transition words.

Remember to refer to the **Transition Words & Phrases** reference page.

To Show Order or Time Frame

Describe your typical day at school.

To Add Information

Inform someone about your favorite topic.

To Indicate a Cause or Reason

Pretend you're attending an outdoor school assembly. Describe the effects of an unexpected rainstorm.

To Give Examples

Explain how you prepare for a spelling test.

To Compare

Describe the similarities between a typical Saturday and Sunday.

To Contrast

Describe the difference between a Monday and a Friday.

To Emphasize

State a personal opinion of yours that you feel strongly about.

To Conclude

Summarize the main idea of a book you've recently read.



What is Figurative Language?

You try! Use figurative language to write your own sentences.

1. Write a simile comparing your best friend and ice cream.

2. Write a sentence that uses alliteration and your name.

3. List four words that are examples of onomatopoeia.

4. Write a sentence that uses imagery to appeal to your sense of taste.

5. In your own words, describe the meaning of this idiom: Don't cry over spilt milk.

6. Write a metaphor to compare someone's eyes and the sky.

7. Use hyperbole to describe how you feel about a chore.

8. Use personification to describe a mountain.
