How to Use **Transition Words and Phrases**

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What are transitions?

Words and phrases that....

- **Connect** one idea to the next idea
- **Introduce** a change, contrast, opposition, agreement, purpose, result, or conclusion
- Provides **flow** in writing
Where to Place Transitions?

- **SENTENCE LEVEL**
  - connector
  - Thesis
    - although

- **PARAGRAPH LEVEL**
  - topic sentence
  - evidence integration
  - analysis
  - conclusion
How do transitions connect our writing?

**Sentence Level (without transitions)**

If you want to do well in the course you should come to class regularly. You should read all assigned pages in the textbook before class.

There were many storms in Atlanta today. Miami had bad weather too.

**Sentence Level (with transitions)**

To do well in the course, students should regularly attend class. *Furthermore*, students should read all assigned pages in the textbook before class.

There were many storms in Atlanta today. *Similarly*, Miami had bad weather, too.
Exercise is really good for one’s physical and mental health. It is proven that aerobic exercise is good for the heart, which is very important to overall health. Strength training is important for maintaining muscle mass and improving bone density as well. Both muscle mass and bone density can decrease as we age, so improving them through strength training is important. All kinds of exercise have been shown to relieve depression, anxiety, and stress.

It is important to plan your trips carefully. For example, when you go on a trip, you need to think about how much money to allot for things like transportation, food, and hotels. In particular, hotels and transportation on trips can be expensive if you don’t book them with plenty of time in advance. Another thing to plan for is how much time you want to spend sightseeing and doing different sorts of activities. Even though you may want to do everything, you have to remember that there are only so many hours in the day! In sum, planning your trip carefully will allow you to have a more relaxed trip.
Why use transitions?

- Faces **connote** specific emotions
  - So do words (transitions)
- Readers understand your argument and are more likely to believe your argument
Which one should I use?

Determine the message you are **conveying**:

- **Agreeing** with a statement
- **Opposing** a statement
- **Showing** cause and effect
- **Demonstrating** a sense of time
- **Adding** a new idea
- **Compare** or **contrast** an idea
- **Conclude** a paragraph or essay
### Agreement/ Addition/ Similarity

- **as well as**
- **in addition/additionally**
- **in light of**
- **moreover**
- **similarly**

The findings could be explained by different properties such as silver, gold, platinum, *as well as* by the conditions these metals were found.

*In addition* to obtaining an MBA, it may be necessary to work a fulltime job.

*In light of* the resistance to utilize modern technological advances, most people in our society have been forced to use it.

Smoking gives you bad breath. *Moreover*, it is harmful to your health.
Although most universities have postponed their commencement ceremonies, Cal Lutheran plans to reschedule theirs.

On the contrary, many universities are planning alternative options to celebrate their graduates.

He is an excellent cook. However, he does not like to do it.

After driving 80 miles to work, Dr. Bigland’s class was canceled. Despite/In spite of the cancellation, he maintained a positive attitude.
There were not enough participants, therefore the conference had to be postponed.

We improved the product without raising our costs. Consequently we made a good profit.

As a result of poor communication skills, unsatisfactory work ethic, and habitual tardiness, Sterns Inc. decided to terminate one of its employees. Thus, the company began a new search for a more suitable candidate.

During the accident, Jim broke his leg, and hence will not be able to play in the football game.
Long-term growth will be driven in essence by the increasing affordability of air travel through greater competition.

A situation arose that ultimately remedied both problems.

Overall, positive customer experience lies in the hand of the company providing the services and goods.

In any event, college students should not depend solely on their good grades to obtain a job after graduating.
Topics: COVID-19

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