

UNIT TWO

2.2. Transitional Devices

Transitional devices are like bridges between parts of your paper. They are cues that help the reader to interpret ideas a paper develops. Transitional devices are words or phrases that help carry a thought from one sentence to another, from one idea to another, or from one paragraph to another. And finally, transitional devices link sentences and paragraphs together smoothly so that there are no abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas.

There are several types of transitional devices, and each category leads readers to make certain connections or assumptions. Some lead readers forward and imply the building of an idea or thought, while others make readers compare ideas or draw conclusions from the preceding thoughts.

Here is a list of some common transitional devices that can be used to cue readers in a given way.

To Add:

and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, too, next, lastly, moreover, in addition, first (second, etc.)

To Compare:

whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, but, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast **To Prove:**

because, for, since, for the same reason, obviously, evidently, indeed, in fact

To Show Exception:

yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes

To Show Time:

immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first (second, etc.), next, and then **To Repeat:**

in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted

To Emphasize:

definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, forever, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation

To Show Sequence:

first, second, third, and so forth. A, B, C, and so forth. next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence, next, and then, soon **To Give an Example:**

for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, to illustrate

To Summarize or Conclude:

in brief, on the whole, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have shown, as I have said, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently

TASK:

Using the above description on Transitions, Write in the Most Appropriate Transition.

ADDITION

1. Horror movies are our favorite genre; besides, we also enjoy psychological thrillers.
2. My brother broke his leg and furthermore he also bruised three ribs.
3. My friend speaks Korean and English. Moreover, she is learning Chinese.
4. Cheating is dishonest. In addition, it defeats the purpose of taking courses to obtain knowledge.
5. Students should be on time. They should be prepared for class too.

EXEMPLIFICATION

1. I have been to many countries. For instance, I have been to Chile, Russia, Mexico, and South Africa.
2. He often eats strange foods. He once ate cow brains to illustrate.
3. I like to travel. As an example, I enjoy places with natural beaches and beautiful rainforests.
4. I love fruit. To demonstrate, I like bananas, pineapple, and strawberries the most.
5. My friend hates skiing for several reasons. In this case, she dislikes being cold and she often falls.

CONTRAST

1. Billy earned a 4.0 on his essay. However, Susie got a 3.0.
2. We wanted to leave at 8:00 a.m. but, our driver did not arrive until 9:30 a.m.
3. Students can enroll in traditional classes. On the other hand, they can also enroll in online classes.
4. I am not going out tonight. Instead, I will stay home and watch a movie.
5. Women usually enjoy shopping. On the contrary, men often dislike shopping.

EXCEPTION

1. He knows that he should do his homework; yet studying for tests, he does not do his work.
2. I need to wear reading glasses. However, I hate how I look in them.
3. I know you don't like to study most subjects. Except, English class, you detest all other subjects.
4. Sam enjoys exercising regularly. In spite of jogging, she loves all other physical activities.
5. My history books are difficult to read. Nevertheless the memoir *Night*, I find the others boring as well.

SIMILARITY

1. Math was hard for me in high school. Similarly, I had a difficult time with math in college.
2. Jonathon did well on his exam. Likewise, his study partners also got excellent scores.
3. Houseplants require a lot of care and attention. In the same way, outdoor plants also require proper care.
4. Pottery takes much practice and skill. Just as, learning to write well requires a lot of practice.
5. Regular exercise as well as good nutrition will ensure a long and healthy life.

RESULTS/CONSEQUENCE

1. Janet passed the test; therefore, she is very happy and wants to celebrate.
2. Tim was too late to catch the train. As a result, he could not go to the concert with us.
3. James is not feeling well; consequently, he will not be at work today.
4. I forgot that the cake was in the oven for too long. Hence, it burned.
5. Tina lost her car keys. Thus, she could not drive home and had to take the bus instead.

SEQUENCE/TIME

1. I think that using a variety of study habits is important. Therefore, I read instructions very carefully.
2. I believe that she is a very good student. She wasn't the greatest student previously, though.
3. I was quizzing my friend on vocabulary words. At this point, I was also learning the words.
4. She truly deserved the scholarship. We should have awarded more than scholarship first.
5. My daughter lost her job last month. Consequently, I began helping her financially as much as I could.

EMPHASIZING

1. The bookstore sells greeting cards. In fact, the sell birthday cards.

2. James is the first person I have known who has been to Africa. He absolutely loved South Africa.
3. He is always late for class for many reasons. Obviously, he often forgets to set his alarm.
4. The plan needed only two things to succeed, definitely time and money.
5. Indeed with her details, she has become a skilled writer who can create beautiful images with her

