

TRANSITIONS FOR EXPOSITORY WRITING

<u>COMPARISONS</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>ALTERNATIVES</u>	<u>CAUSE/EFFECT</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like • Similarly • In a similar fashion • As with • Just as • Both <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlike • Whereas • On the other hand • However 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along with • For instance • Besides • For one thing • Again • Another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the other hand • Or • Whereas • But • While 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result • Because • Which caused • That resulted in
<p><i>I am a lot like my sister. We are both talented. My sister, however, is more talented in music whereas I am more talented in art.</i></p>	<p><i>Dogs make good pets. They're loyal, they almost can talk to you. They can do things for you such as pull you in a sled, carry things, and warn you of danger. But, cats are easier to care for. You don't have to walk or wash them. You can leave them for several days, and they don't eat all the food at once. Besides, they don't mind being alone.</i></p>		<p><i>Yesterday it rained so hard the water came up in our yard. As a result, all the mulch in our garden washed away.</i></p>
<u>EMPHASIS</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>PROCEDURAL</u>	<u>SUMMARIZATION</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again • To repeat • For this reason • To emphasize • Truly • In fact • As I said • Let me reiterate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once • Just the other day • I remember • When I was. . . • Occasionally • Sometimes • Never 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First • Second • Third • Last • Now • Then • Until • The last thing • Finally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally • All in all • The last thing • At last • On the whole • Ultimately
<p><i>I do not think we should have recess at the same time as the kindergarteners. We are bigger and we always get in trouble if we knock them over or don't give them the swings. We should always share the playground with the fifth graders.</i></p> <p><i>In fact, none of the big kids should be on the playground with the kindergartners. Big kids should be with big kids.</i></p>		<p><i>If you want to make a great sandwich, try this one. First, tear up a pita bread, Then, slice a tomato very thin. Cut the pita bread open along one side. Next, put lettuce, tomato slices in the pita. The last thing is add a pickle, right in the middle of the sandwich.</i></p>	<p><i>The last thing you might do when you try to use transitions is read your piece aloud. If you hear a place where it sounds choppy or disconnected, that is probably where you need a transition.</i></p>

Transitions For Narrative Writing Chart

Used within sentences, paragraphs, or between paragraphs. Usually signal a new paragraph.

TIME ORIENTERS:

Later
In the morning
Soon
After that
Then
On Saturday
Now
Today
Next week
Immediate
Suddenly
During
Before
After
At length
Previously
Simultaneously



PLACE ORIENTERS:

Under the bridge
At school
At sea
Back at the Ranch
In New York
In the back of the sofa
Along the wall
Beyond the fence
At the left
at the right
In the center
On the side
Straight ahead
Nearby
In the foreground
In the background



Example:

In the morning we went tubing at the pond. Laura loaned me her tube. Later that night, we all went to the movies. I bought Laura popcorn to pay her back for letting me use her swim tube.

Example:

*He searched everywhere in the house. In the garage, under the storage bins, between his dad's tool boxes. Nothing. Suddenly **he** remembered his mom's junk box. Under the half used spools of thread, he found his magic rock.*