

A top-down view of a wooden desk with various writing-related items. A teal typewriter is in the upper center. To its left is a dark green notebook. A pinecone is on the left side. A pair of black-rimmed glasses is in the bottom left. A box of color slides is in the bottom right. A large yellow diagonal shape is overlaid on the desk, containing the text.

Transition Sentence

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Necessity

Why is transition sentence indispensable?

Necessity



Logical Relation

Linkage between ideas, especially paragraphs.
Demonstrate relationships between ideas.



Article Direction

Provide directions for writing.
Act as stepping stones for different ideas.



Organizational Flow

Make writing smoother.
Present a clear structure.



Target Audience

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Who benefits from learning about transition sentence?

Target Audience

Tutors



Help tutors to explain questions regarding transition sentence.

Students



Aid students to understand and use transition sentence in writing.

Writers



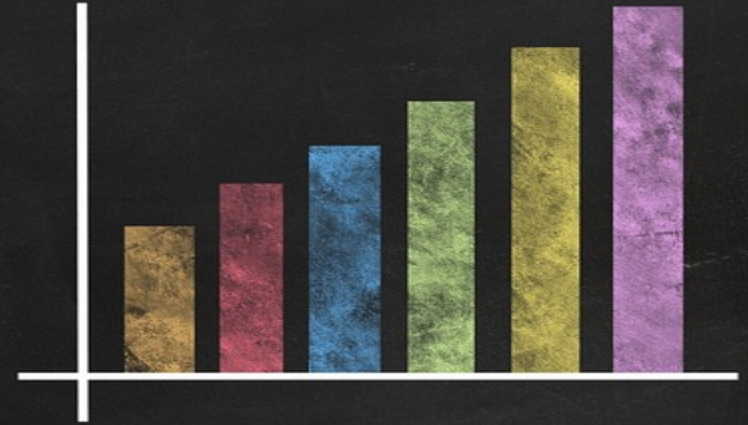
Improve writers' writing skills by taking advantages of crafting strong transition sentence.



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Strategy

How to write strong transition sentences?

Steps of Developing transition sentences

Step 01

Find the specific connections between ideas or paragraphs.

Choose explicit words; avoid pronouns.

Step 02

Step 03

Write the transition sentence that can link ideas/paragraphs together with explicit words.

Make sure the transition sentence matches the flow of the writing.

Step 04

Step 05

If it doesn't match, try clarifying the specific connections.



Example

Paragraph X: points that support the view that 8-hour sleep is necessary.

Transition: Despite the previous arguments, many researches indicate that 8-hour sleep is not as needed as typically believed for adults.

Paragraph Y: points that contradict the view that 8-hour sleep is necessary.

(Typical Main Paragraph Structure:

Topic sentence + Different Points with Evidences & Explanations + Transition sentence)

Normally, transition sentence for paragraphs is located at the end of the first paragraph.



Choices of Explicit Words

Relationship

Words to choose from

Similarity

also, in the same way, just as, so too, likewise, similarly

Contrast

however, in spite of, nevertheless, nonetheless, in contrast, still, yet

Sequence

first, second, third, next, then, finally

Time

after, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later,
meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then

Example

for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate, such as

Emphasis

even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly, more/most importantly

Position

above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby

Cause/Effect

accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus

Additional Support

additionally, again, also, as well, besides, equally important, further,
furthermore, in addition, moreover

Conclusion

finally, briefly, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, to conclude, to
summarize, in summary



Success Check

How to make sure that the transition sentence works?

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Success Check



Tutors

Tutors can check students' understanding on the subject by giving students a quick test. For instance, come up with two ideas and ask students to generate a transition sentence.



Students

Students can always conduct a self-check. The simplest method is to read the finished transition sentence out loud, checking if it makes sense, if it connects the previous and the later ideas, if it is detailed enough...

Guiding Principles

❖ **Be patient.** Tutors need to give students time to understand and practice. Students should be prepared to learn and practice.

❖ **Be communicative.** Tutors should pay attention to students' verbal and non-verbal language. Students should acknowledge that tutors are there to help.

❖ **Be sincere.** Tutors are aiming for students' independence, explaining one concept in different ways might be needed. Students should ask for clarification or suggestions whenever in doubt.



Tutoring is always a teamwork.

What you practice today can
improve all your tomorrows.

Thank you

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