

Mr. Taylor's 7th Grade Language Arts Class Transition Words/Phrases List



Transition words and phrases are like road signs. They help the reader understand the direction of your thought.

Type of Transition	Example	What They Tell the Reader
Time-Sequence [shows when]	first, later, next, finally, before, after, now, previously, last, then, when, immediately, about, soon, meanwhile, presently, until	The writer is arranging ideas in the order in which they happened.
Example [explain using an example]	for example, such as, for instance	An example will follow.
Enumeration [numbers]	and, too, finally, furthermore, first, second, third, last, another, next	The writer is marking each major point [sometimes to suggest order of importance].
Continuation [add more information]	also, in addition, and, further, another, besides	The writer is continuing with the same idea and is going to provide additional information.
Contrast [shows differences]	on the other hand, in contrast, however, but, despite, nevertheless, instead, rather, though, yet, regardless, although, unlike, even though	The writer is switching to a different, opposite, or contrasting idea than what was previously discussed.
Comparison [shows similarities]	like, similarly, as, at the same time, as well as, in comparison, both, all, likewise, too	The writer will show how the previous idea is similar to the one that follows.
Cause-Effect [shows connections]	because, accordingly, for this reason, as a result, so, then, therefore, since	The writer will show the connection between two or more things, how one thing caused another, or how something happened as a result of something else.
Summation [finish up]	in conclusion, in summary, in short, to conclude, to sum up, all in all	The writer will state or restate the main point.