

Transition Words and Phrases

Transition words and phrases help establish clear connections between ideas and ensure that sentences and paragraphs flow together smoothly, making them easier to read.

Tips for linking **paragraphs** together in an essay:

1. Repeat the **SAME** word from the last sentence of the previous paragraph to the first sentence of the next.

EXAMPLE:

Last Sentence of First Paragraph:

*The Spanish **ship** sailed across the Atlantic Ocean.*

First Sentence of Next Paragraph:

*The **ship**, called a galleon, was the first to do so.*

2. Use a **SIMILAR** word in the first sentence of the next paragraph to one in the last sentence of a previous one.

EXAMPLE:

Last Sentence of First Paragraph:

The Spanish **ship** sailed across the Atlantic Ocean.

First Sentence of Next Paragraph:

The **vessel** withstood many storms.

3. Use a **DETAIL** from the previous paragraph in the next one.

EXAMPLE:

Last Sentence of First Paragraph:

The Spanish **ship** sailed across the Atlantic Ocean.

First Sentence of Next Paragraph:

It's main **mast** stood through many storms.

4 Use **INTRODUCTORY WORDS** like: in addition, meanwhile, because, since, nevertheless, however, etc.

EXAMPLE:

Last Sentence of First Paragraph:

The Spanish **ship** sailed across the Atlantic Ocean.

First Sentence of Next Paragraph:

During a particularly fierce storm, the crew thought the end was near.

Use the following words and phrases to connect your ideas.

Words that can be used to show **time**:

while	first	meanwhile	soon	Then
after	second	today	later	next
at	third	tomorrow	afterward	as soon as
before	now	next week	about	when suddenly
during	until	yesterday	finally	subsequently
initially	currently	eventually	formerly	meanwhile
lastly	previously	simultaneously		

Word that can be used to **compare** two things:

likewise	also	while	in the same way
like	as	similarly	

Words that can be used to **contrast** two things:

but	still	although	on the other hand
however	yet	otherwise	even though

Words that can be used **to emphasize a point or a cause or reason**:

again	truly	especially	for this reason
to repeat	in fact	to emphasize	

Words that can be used to **conclude or summarize**:

finally	as a result	to sum up	in conclusion
lastly	therefore	all in all	because
thus	to conclude	to put it briefly	overall
hence	given the facts		

Words that can be used to **add information or indicate an example**:

again	another	for instance	for example
also	and	moreover	additionally
as well	besides	along with	other
next	finally	in addition	particularly
furthermore	indeed	specifically	in particular
to demonstrate	to illustrate		

Words that can be used to **clarify**:

that is	for instance	in other words
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