

Transitions

Common Transitions Between Paragraphs

Contrasting Ideas

The transition contrasts the ideas from paragraph A (Tan's well-known novel) with paragraph B (Tan's not well-known rock band) to show us how the ideas are related.

*Amy Tan became a famous author after her novel, The Joy Luck Club, skyrocketed up the bestseller list.
Though her fiction is well-known, her work with her satirical garage band The Rock Bottom Remainers receives far less publicity.*

Cause and Effect

The transition shows that the main idea in paragraph A (a rise in profits) is caused by the idea in paragraph B (expanded international influence).

*Overall, Management Systems International has logged increased sales in every sector, leading to a significant rise in third-quarter profits.
These impressive profits are largely due to the corporation's expanded international influence.*

Repeating Key Words

The transition sentence takes key words from paragraph A (authentic worlds) and paragraph B (authenticity).

*In his novel Feed, Anderson possesses a talent for creating believably authentic worlds.
A major component to the authenticity of Anderson's new world is the narrator's voice.*

Expanding on a Key Concept

The transition sentence notes a key theme and the next paragraph expands on it.

*... In the book, Violet realizes how much the media has unconsciously shaped her thinking - a danger many of us face today.
Even though being controlled by the media is a scary thought, becoming aware of such problems is the first step to creating critical thinkers.*

Common Transitions Within Paragraphs

Exception/Contrast

but; however; in spite of; on the one hand... on the other hand; nevertheless; nonetheless; notwithstanding; in contrast; on the contrary; still; yet; conversely

Similarity/Comparison

also; in the same way; just as... so too; likewise; similarly; along the same lines

Sequence/Order

first; second; third; next; then; finally

Time

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

Example

for example; for instance; namely; specifically; to illustrate; to take a case in point; consider

Emphasis

even; indeed; in fact; of course; truly

Elaboration

furthermore; moreover; additionally; again; in fact; indeed; in other words; above all; of course; certainly; undoubtedly

Cause/Effect

accordingly; consequently; hence; so; therefore; thus; it follows then; since additionally; again; also; and; as well; equally important; further

Further Support/Evidence

furthermore; in addition; moreover; then

Conclusion/Summary

finally; in a word; in brief; briefly; in conclusion; in the end; in the final analysis; on the whole; thus; to conclude; to summarize; in sum; to sum up; in summary