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## GRAMMAR

### TRANSITIONS AND CONNECTIVES

#### **Transition Words**

Transitions words are used to connect words, phrases, and clauses.

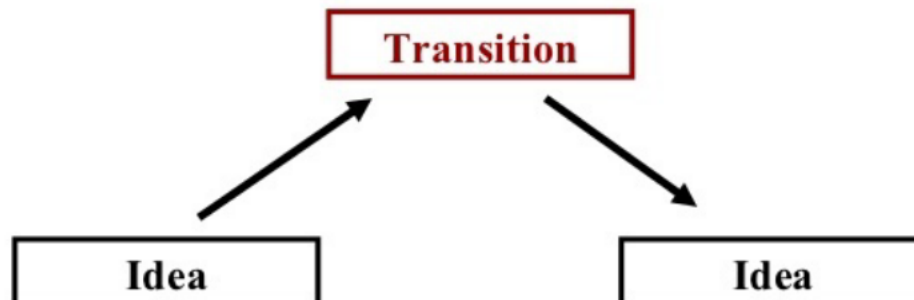


#### **How they use..**

- Transitions are phrases or words used to connect one idea to the next
- Transitions also show the relationship within a paragraph (or within a sentence) between the main idea and the support the other ideas

## Transitions

A transition word directly tells the reader the logical relationship between one idea and another idea.



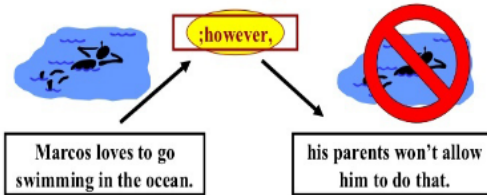
## Transitions

Look at the two groups of sentences below.  
Which sentences read more smoothly? Click on an answer below.

☐ My friend, Marcos, loves to play sports and is very athletic. He has won a scholarship to play football at a university next year.

☐ My friend, Marcos, loves to play sports and is very athletic. In fact, he has won a scholarship to play football at a university next year.

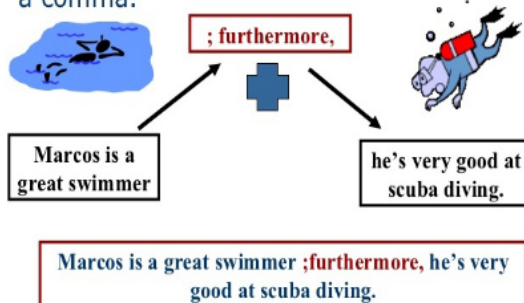
## Example



The transition, *however*, tells the reader that the logical relationship between the two ideas is contrast.

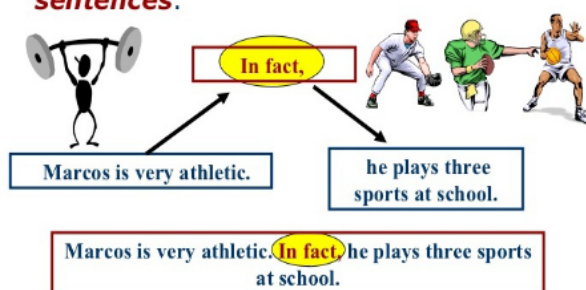
## Joining Two Independent Clauses

One way of joining **two independent clauses** is with a semicolon, a transition, and a comma.



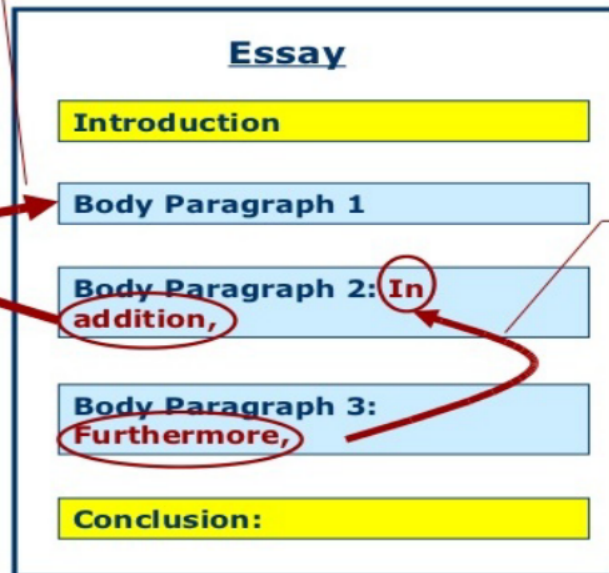
## Connecting Two Sentences

You can use a transition and comma to tell the reader the logical relationship between **two sentences**.



## Example- Longer Piece of Writing

Transition connects ideas in paragraph 2 to ideas in paragraph 1.



Transition connects ideas in paragraph 3 to ideas in paragraph 2.

### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Addition	Moreover Furthermore In addition besides

Marcos loves to ski  he likes to fish.



**; moreover,**  
**; furthermore,**  
**; in addition,**  
**; besides,**



### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Reinforcement/Emphasis	Indeed In fact

Marcos plays basketball

The transition and second clause reemphasize the first clause.

**; in fact,**  
**; indeed,**

**he plays every Saturday.**

### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Exemplification	For example For instance In particular

Marcos enjoys outdoor sports

The second clause is more specific than the first.

;for example,  
;for instance,  
;in particular,

he likes hiking, skiing, and fishing.

### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Contrast	However In contrast On the contrary On the other hand

Marcos enjoys scuba diving

;on the other hand,  
;however,  
;on the contrary,  
;in contrast,



I think it is an expensive sport.

### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Result or Effect	Consequently Thus Therefore
	Accordingly Hence As a result

Marcos broke his leg



;thus,  
;consequently,  
;therefore,  
;hence,  
;as a result,  
;accordingly,

he can't play basketball



### Types of Transitions

Relationship	Transition
Time	Meanwhile (at the same time) Subsequently (after) Thereafter (after)

Marcos scored a goal



;subsequently,  
;thereafter,

after

his team won the game



# TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

RELATIONSHIP	TRANSITIONAL WORDS/PHRASES
Similarity	also, in the same way, just as ... so too, likewise, similarly, in comparison
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, although
Sequence/Order	first, second, third, ... next, then, finally
Time	after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then, initially, soon, eventually, previously
Example	for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate
Emphasis	even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly
Place/Position	above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby, there
Cause and Effect	accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus
Additional Support or Evidence	additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then
Conclusion/Summary	finally, in a word, in brief, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, in summary

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## WORKSHEET\_1

### I.ADDITION

1. Horror movies are our favorite type; \_\_\_\_\_, we also enjoy psychological thrillers.
2. My brother broke his leg and \_\_\_\_\_ he also bruised three ribs.
3. My friend speaks Korean and English. \_\_\_\_\_, she is learning Chinese.
4. Cheating is dishonest. \_\_\_\_\_, it defeats the purpose of taking courses to obtain knowledge.
5. Students should be on time. They should be prepared for class \_\_\_\_\_.

### II.EXEMPLIFICATION

1. I have been to many countries. \_\_\_\_\_, I have been to Chile, Russia, Mexico, and South Africa.
2. He often eats strange foods. He once ate cow brains \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I like to travel. \_\_\_\_\_, I enjoy places with natural beaches and beautiful rainforests.
4. I love fruit. \_\_\_\_\_, I like bananas, pineapple, and strawberries the most.
5. My friend hates skiing for several reasons. \_\_\_\_\_, she dislikes being cold and she often falls.

### III. CONTRAST

1. Billy earned a 4.0 on his essay. \_\_\_\_\_, Susie got a 3.0.
  2. We wanted to leave at 8:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, our driver did not arrive until 9:30 a.m.
  3. Students can enroll in traditional classes. \_\_\_\_\_, they can also
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enroll in online classes.

4. I am not going out tonight. \_\_\_\_\_, I will stay home and watch a movie.

5. Women usually enjoy shopping. \_\_\_\_\_, men often dislike shopping.

#### **IV.EXCEPTION**

1. He knows that he should do his homework; \_\_\_\_\_ studying for tests, he does not do his work.

2. I need to wear reading glasses. \_\_\_\_\_ I hate how I look in them.

3. I know you don't like to study most subjects. \_\_\_\_\_ English class, you detest all other subjects.

4. Sam enjoys exercising regularly. \_\_\_\_\_ jogging, she loves all other physical activities.

5. My history books are difficult to read. \_\_\_\_\_ the memoir Night, I find the others boring as well.

#### **V. SIMILARITY**

1. Math was hard for me in high school. \_\_\_\_\_, I had a difficult time with math in college.

2. Jonathon did well on his exam. \_\_\_\_\_, his study partners also got excellent scores.

3. Houseplants require a lot of care and attention. \_\_\_\_\_, outdoor plants also require proper care.

4. Pottery takes much practice and skill. \_\_\_\_\_, learning to write well requires a lot of practice.

5. Regular exercise \_\_\_\_\_ good nutrition will ensure a long and healthy life.

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## VI. RESULTS/CONSEQUENCE

1. Janet passed the test; \_\_\_\_\_, she is very happy and wants to celebrate.
2. Tim was too late to catch the train. \_\_\_\_\_, he could not go to the concert with us.
3. James is not feeling well; \_\_\_\_\_, he will not be at work today.
4. I forgot that the cake was in the oven for too long. \_\_\_\_\_, it burned.
5. Tina lost her car keys. \_\_\_\_\_, she could not drive home and had to take the bus instead.

## VII. SEQUENCE/TIME

1. I think that using a variety of study habits is important. \_\_\_\_\_, I read instructions very carefully.
2. I believe that she is a very good student. She wasn't the greatest student \_\_\_\_\_ though.
3. I was quizzing my friend on vocabulary words. \_\_\_\_\_, I was also learning the words.
4. She truly deserved the scholarship. We should have awarded more than scholarship \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. My daughter lost her job last month. \_\_\_\_\_, I began helping her financially as much as I could.

## VIII. EMPHASIZING

1. The bookstore sells greeting cards. \_\_\_\_\_, the sell birthday cards.
  2. James is the first person I have known who has been to Africa. He \_\_\_\_\_ loved South Africa.
  3. He is always late for class for many reasons. \_\_\_\_\_, he often forgets to set his alarm.
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4. The plan needed only two things to succeed, \_\_\_\_\_ time and money.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ details, she has become a skilled writer who can create beautiful images with her words.

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## Worksheet -2

(otherwise, in fact, unless, in addition  
to, moreover, hence, although, whereas, furthermore, despite, nonetheless, therefore  
, instead, however, meanwhile, otherwise, before, nevertheless, consequently, in case)

1. She got the job \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that she had very little experience.
  1. My sister's hand-writing is always so neat, \_\_\_\_\_ mine is a total mess.
  2. I lost the game, but I told myself that I had improved a lot \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. You'd better wear a helmet when you go roller-blading. \_\_\_\_\_, you could hurt yourself.
  4. Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary. \_\_\_\_\_, it can also help you improve your grammar.
  5. The student's essay was badly written. \_\_\_\_\_, it was too short.
  6. Wine will spoil if exposed to light; \_\_\_\_\_, wine bottles are usually green or yellow.
  7. Alcohol can delay your reaction times; \_\_\_\_\_, you should never drink and drive.
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ we have talked about the dangers of smoking to the students before, I think the information bears being repeated.
  9. He was an absolute failure in medical school, so he decided to try law \_\_\_\_\_.
  10. Margaret Mead once observed, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. \_\_\_\_\_, it's the only thing that ever has."
  11. You are not eligible for a subsidized bus pass \_\_\_\_\_ you are a full-time student.
  12. Stephanie cooked the carrots and washed the lettuce. \_\_\_\_\_, her brother prepared the broccoli.
  13. Jane wanted to drive Tanya and Michael to the mall; \_\_\_\_\_, she only had two seats in her car.
  14. Rodger was a chocolate fanatic, and he ate two servings of dessert every night. \_\_\_\_\_, he began to grow incredibly overweight.
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15. Julia was almost ready to perform the experiment. \_\_\_\_\_, she would need to run tests on the control group.
16. Mother said I needed to finish all of my chores. \_\_\_\_\_, I would not be able to go to the movies with my friends.
17. Katy's mother, father, and brother are all vegetarians; \_\_\_\_\_, Katy eats meat every day
18. Karen is rich; \_\_\_\_\_, her cousin Kate is poor.
19. You'd better take a taxi. \_\_\_\_\_, you'll arrive late.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ the invention of television, people probably spent more of their leisure time reading.
21. Eating well is important for good health. \_\_\_\_\_, it helps to make you more intelligent.
22. The apartment is very pretty and, \_\_\_\_\_, the rent is quite low.
23. Johnny Pacheco has a creative talent as a composer; \_\_\_\_\_ he is a successful manager.
24. All the soldiers had to take their masks with them --- there was a gas attack.
25. The kids didn't study. \_\_\_\_\_, they failed the course.
26. Essays must be handed in by the due date. \_\_\_\_\_, they will not be accepted.
27. The weather was terrible. \_\_\_\_\_ we decided to delay our trip.
28. That house isn't big enough for us, and \_\_\_\_\_, it's too expensive.
29. She's extremely rich; \_\_\_\_\_, she's not snobbish.
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