

Transition Worksheet #10: Number or Sequence

Transitions are words or phrases which connect sentences and paragraphs in an essay. Each of these number or sequence transition words or phrases signals the order of facts or ideas:

first, firstly, primarily, initially, to start with, first of all, for one, second, secondly, last, lastly, finally, next, before, for another, following, subsequently, after, afterwards

[Bracket] the number or sequence transitions in the following sentences.

1. First of all, they were unprepared. Secondly, the blizzard came in early. Lastly, Tom was sick.
2. Initially, they failed. Subsequently, they returned to the easier solution to finally make it work.
3. Afterwards, the cousins went out for ice cream, but not before they played another round of golf.
4. My parents seemed primarily interested in being hospitable to their neighbors.
5. I next traveled to Denver to see my niece, who, before starting college, was working two jobs.

Fill in the blanks with the number or sequence transitions which fit best. Change the capitalization, tense, or number as needed, but use each transition only once.

1. _____, the author sets the scene as a “dark and stormy night.” 2. _____
the 3. _____ chapter ends, the reader is introduced to all five main characters. In the
second chapter, 4. _____ the disappearance of one of the characters, the other four set
out on a desperate search. 5. _____ the plot details where the search leads to and the
misadventures these characters experience until 6. _____ they find their friend.

Application: Write a three-sentence paragraph, using two number or sequence transitions.

Transition Worksheet #11: Time

Transitions are words or phrases which connect sentences and paragraphs in an essay. Each of these time transition words or phrases signals the relationship between events or actions in time:

meanwhile, since, now, currently, during, recently, simultaneously, at that time, previously, then, eventually

[Bracket] the time transitions in the following sentences.

1. Meanwhile, I began another hobby, and then eventually I began my current job.
2. She was previously engaged to a wealthy stock broker.
3. They simultaneously played ping pong and listened to the basketball game.
4. Currently, I have no real idea as to when we will leave, since my wife and I are not talking.
5. Now would be a good time during this commercial break to discuss our dinner options.

Fill in the blanks with the time transitions which fit best. Change the capitalization, tense, or number as needed, but use each transition only once.

1. _____, I think it was last week, I bumped into Ian down at the ice rink.
2. _____, he is working in the rental shop. 3. _____, he had worked as one of the cooks at the food stand, but he was reassigned because he burned everything he tried to cook. 4. He _____ enjoys his job and he is quite good at it. I watched him
5. _____ fit five skaters with their rental skates. 6. _____, he looked up to see me watching and asked how long I had been there.

Application: Write a three-sentence paragraph, using two time transitions.

Answers

Transition Worksheet #1: 1. refers to 2. in other words 3. consists of 4. in particular 5. is equal to 6. means

Transition Worksheet #2: 1. is like 2. For example 3. specifically 4. including 5. for instance (for example) 6. such as

Transition Worksheet #3: 1. Considering (Regarding) this 2. even 3. lest 4. In order to 5. so 6. For this purpose (With this intention)

Transition Worksheet #4: 1. Being that 2. Give that (To that end) 3. implied 4. infer 5. In view of (Given that) 6. means that

Transition Worksheet #5: 1. Just like 2. Likewise (Similarly) 3. in comparison 4. In the same manner (Likewise) 5. So too (Likewise) 6. Similarly (Likewise, So too)

Transition Worksheet #6: 1. Whereas (Although, Granted, Admittedly) 2. Nevertheless (However, Still, Granted, Notwithstanding, Regardless) 3. However (Still, Granted, Admittedly) 4. rather 5. On the other hand (However, But, Nevertheless, 6. But even so (Yet, Nevertheless, Regardless, Admittedly, Nonetheless)

Transition Worksheet #7: 1. As a result (Consequently, As a consequence, Thus, So, Accordingly) 2. therefore (hence, as a result, so, accordingly) 3. Due to (Owing to) 4. In view of 5. led to 6. because

Transition Worksheet #8: 1. On the whole (In conclusion) 2. As one can see (In any event) 3. therefore (in any event, in any case) 4. At any rate (In the final analysis) 5. For these reasons (In the final analysis) 6. In any case (At any rate, In the final analysis)

Transition Worksheet #9: 1. as well (plus) 2. Also (Additionally, Plus, Furthermore, Moreover) 3. What is more (Also, Additionally, Plus, Furthermore, Moreover) 4. Besides 5. Furthermore (In addition, Additionally, Plus, Moreover, What is more) 6. Plus (In addition, Additionally, Furthermore, Moreover, What is more)

Transition Worksheet #10: 1. To start with (First of all) 2. Before 3. first 4. following 5. Subsequently (Afterwards) 6. finally

Transition Worksheet #11: 1. Recently (At that time) 2. Now 3. Previously 4. currently (now) 5. simultaneously 6. Eventually