

TRANSITION WORKSHEETS

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**WORDS and
PHRASES
ORGANIZED by
PURPOSE**



**IDENTIFY, FILL-
IN-THE-BLANK,
and APPLY with
ANSWERS**



Purpose

Transition Words and Phrases

Definition

- refers to, in other words, consists of, is equal to, means, in particular

Example

- for example, for instance, such as, is like, including, to illustrate, specifically

Explanation or Emphasis

- in fact, regarding this/that, concerning this/that, as for, that is, for this purpose, with this intention, to the end that, in order that, in order to, so as to, lest, so, indeed, even, of course

Analysis

- means that, suggests, imply, infer, examine, being that, to that end, in view of, given that

Comparison

- similarly, in the same way, just like (as), likewise, in comparison, in the same manner, so too

Contrast

- in contrast, on the other hand, however, whereas, but, yet, nevertheless, instead, as opposed to, otherwise, on the contrary, regardless, alternatively, conversely, but even so, still, rather, nonetheless, although, despite, in spite of, granted, notwithstanding, regardless, admittedly

Cause–Effect

- because, for, therefore, hence, as a result, consequently, as a consequence, due to, thus, so, led to, in that, in view of, owing to, forasmuch as, in as much as, provided that, given that, as long as, if, unless, even if, only if, accordingly, in order to

Conclusion

- in conclusion, to conclude, as one can see, in summary, to sum up, for these reasons, either way, in either case, in either event, in any case, in any event, at any rate, overall, therefore, on the whole, in the final analysis

Addition

- also, another, in addition, additionally, plus, further, furthermore, moreover, as well, besides, what is more

Number or Sequence

- 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

Time

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

Transition Worksheet #1: Definition

Transitions are words or phrases which connect sentences and paragraphs in an essay. Each of these definition transition words or phrases signals the meaning of a key word, term, or idea:

refers to, in other words, consists of, is equal to, means, in particular

[Bracket] the definition transitions in the following sentences.

1. The article refers to the section of the law which requires reduced carbon emissions.
2. My pirate treasure consists of rubies, emeralds, and gold coins, in particular pieces of eight.
3. To pardon means to forgive an offense. In other words, all punishment has been removed.
4. Their donation is equal to over 1,000 annual contributions.
5. In other words, the play consists of four acts and an intermission.

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

The document 1. _____ an old picture of Jim's grandparents, 2. _____, to Joe and Jan Peters, who claimed to be the heirs to the Peacock Mine. The document 3. _____ five single-spaced pages, and details the ownership history of the mine and its tragedies, 4. _____ the horrific fire of 1882. The value of the mine, in today's dollars, 5. _____ that of the Tanker Oil Company, the biggest employer in the county. This 6. _____ Jim should prepare himself for his eventual ownership of the mine.

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

Transition Worksheet #2: Example

Transitions are words or phrases which connect sentences and paragraphs in an essay. Following are example transition words or phrases:

for example, for instance, such as, is like, including, to illustrate, specifically

[Bracket] the example transitions in the following sentences.

1. Not all birds are beautiful. For example, the vulture is not exactly attractive.
2. To illustrate, the Civil War included many heroes, such as the medics who risked their lives.
3. Specifically, the queen has more optional moves than, for instance, the bishop.
4. Her wedding gown included lace, silk, and embroidery.
5. The sunset is like a box of crayons.

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

I love the zoo. For me, going to the zoo 1. _____ traveling to remote parts of the world. 2. _____, I walk in the jungles of the Amazon when I see the crocodiles. I hike through the Himalayas when I see strange shaggy animals, 3. _____ the yaks. I'm on safari in Africa when I look at male and female tigers, 4. _____ their cute little cubs. 5. Zoos can be educational, _____, the information on endangered species and fun, 6. _____, when the zookeepers feed the baby animals.

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

Transition Worksheet #3: Explanation or Emphasis

Transitions are words or phrases which connect sentences and paragraphs in an essay. Each of these explanation or emphasis transition words or phrases helps the reader understand or recognize the importance of a key word, term, or idea:

in fact, regarding this/that, concerning this/that, as for, that is, for this purpose, with this intention, to the end that, in order that, in order to, so as to, lest, so, indeed, even, of course

[Bracket] the explanation or emphasis transitions in the following sentences.

1. Of course, the driver was going excessively fast. To the end that his car went out of control.
2. Indeed, she stopped talking, lest she say something she would later regret.
3. For this purpose, they arrived late, so as to ensure they would be noticed, even by the dog.
4. He began to sing; that is, he made a noise. Regarding his voice, no one would call that singing.
5. In fact, John was called in to help. For this purpose, others had tried, but failed.

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

1. _____ situation, 2. _____ the worst critics tried to be agreeable,
3. _____ so many people tire of their arguments. 4. _____ compromise, it takes both sides willing to sacrifice some of their interests for the greater good,
5. _____ that fewer will suffer needlessly. 6. _____, the law was passed.

Application: Write a three-sentence paragraph, using two explanation or emphasis transitions.
