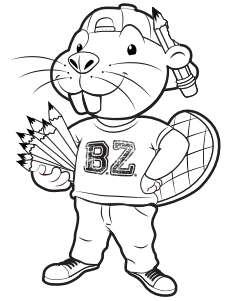


# One-Word Transitions



first	also
another	finally
next	third
last	then
second	one



## Using a Variety of Transitions

<p><b>Transition Words</b></p>	<p>Trees can be sorted into two types. <b>First</b>, there are evergreens, which stay green all year. Trees can <b>also</b> be deciduous (<i>dih-SIJ-oo-uhs</i>), which means that they lose their leaves sometime during the year.</p>
<p><b>Transitional Phrases</b></p>	<p>Here are some tips if you want to run for student council. <b>First of all</b>, make posters and share your goals. <b>In addition</b>, make sure you know what the rules are for being a candidate. <b>Most importantly</b>, be a good winner or loser. Either way, you will make new friends.</p>
<p><b>Transition Sets</b></p>	<p>A healthy diet gives athletes energy to succeed. <b>First</b>, it gives them the power to run, jump, and throw. <b>Second</b>, energy from food helps players stay healthy. <b>Third</b>, energy helps players stay mentally sharp and “at the top of their game.”</p>
<p><b>Transition by Repeating Words</b></p>	<p>Thanks to everyone’s hard work, we have raised enough money to improve our school yard. <b>Some money</b> will go to a new swing set. <b>Some money</b> will be used to put in a running track. <b>Some money</b> will be set aside for future projects.</p>
<p><b>Transition by Repeating a Phrase</b></p>	<p>Here is how to take a good selfie photo in three easy steps. <b>Before you take the picture</b>, choose a spot with good light. <b>As you take the picture</b>, warn other people in the picture so they know when to smile. <b>After you take the picture</b>, review it before you send it to friends.</p>
<p><b>Transition by Using Pronouns</b></p>	<p>Roberto Clemente was a hero on and off the baseball field. <b>He</b> played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and broke several major batting records. <b>He</b> also worked to help people in need. Major League Baseball gives the Roberto Clemente Award in <b>his</b> name to today’s players who help others.</p>
<p><b>Transition by Using Synonyms</b></p>	<p>An important part of playing a sport well is using the right <b>equipment</b>. Your <b>gear</b> should be in good condition. <b>Gloves, shoes, and helmets</b> should fit properly. With the right <b>tools</b>, athletes are more likely to play their best.</p>

# Transitions

Transitions in informative/explanatory writing are words and phrases that writers use to:

- Introduce new key/star ideas
- Tie ideas together
- Signal a change
- Make connections

Transitions are yellow when you apply the Traffic Light colors. Yellow means “slow down” and introduce another key/star idea.

- Transitions help writers organize their ideas and information.
- Transitions help readers see the organization and understand what they are reading.

- Transitions can be concrete and obvious.
  - Specific words and phrases
- Transitions can be subtle, less obvious, and abstract.
  - Synonyms, pronouns, emphasis, and repetition

In a multiparagraph essay or report, these “yellow” sentences are called Transition Topic Sentences.

Transition Topic Sentences are usually the first sentences in the body paragraphs.

Narrative transitions are different. Narrative transitions indicate time (e.g., early in the morning, after a few weeks, throughout the day, the following morning) or place (near the house, outside the fence, by the front door).

- Use narrative transitions in informative/explanatory writing when you are retelling an event or explaining a sequence of events.

# Transitions

**Transitions** in informative/explanatory writing are **words, phrases, and clauses** that writers use to:

- Introduce new key/star ideas
- Link major text sections
- Make and clarify connections among ideas

- Transitions help **writers** organize their ideas and information.
- Transitions help **readers** see and understand the organization of text and connect ideas as they read.

In a multi-paragraph essay or report, one way transitions are used is to introduce key/star ideas at the beginning of a body paragraph. This is called a **transition topic sentence**.

Transitions can be **concrete** and **obvious**.

- Obvious transitions may use specific words, sets of words, or phrases.

Transitions can also be **subtle, less obvious, or abstract**.

- Subtle transitions may use synonyms, pronouns, or the repetition and emphasis of key words or concepts.

**Narrative transitions** are different from those for informative/explanatory writing.

- Use narrative transitions in informative/explanatory writing when you have included a short narrative as a lead or elaboration of a key/star idea.
- Use narrative transitions to indicate time (e.g., **early in the morning, the next day, in [year]**) or place (e.g., **near the city, by the river, at [location]**).