

TRANSITIONS IN WRITING

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Transitions in writing refer to a word or phrase that signals the shift from one part or idea to another. Transitions should be used within paragraphs and across paragraphs in an essay. Transitions create a smooth and fluid piece of writing.

Transition Type	Examples
To show cause and effect	as a result, consequently, because
To show comparison	also, similarly, likewise
To show contrast	although, however, on the other hand
To show examples	for example, such as, for instance
To show place or position	below, inside, above, near
To show sequence	first, second, finally, furthermore, moreover
To show time	after, at the same time, meanwhile, eventually
To signal summary	in conclusion, as a result, therefore

Example paragraph with transitions.

There are two reasons why people have dogs for pets. First, dogs offer companionship. For instance, a dog can offer unconditional support to someone. Dogs have a sense and often know when their owners are sad; dogs cuddle up to their owners and make the owners feel better just with a snuggle. In addition to companionship, dogs offer security. Dogs can seem vicious to strangers. Often they can scare away predators with their barking or just their presence, and that fear might keep intruders away, rendering the owner safe. Because of these two reasons, having a dog might be the best choice a person can make.

Transitions should be used across paragraphs. Example of paragraph to paragraph transitions, or segues in topic sentences:

Thesis statement: Social media sites are useful both socially and academically for college students.

Body paragraph #1 topic Sentence: First, social media sites create a place to safely interact with new people.

Body paragraph #2 topic Sentence: In addition to the social benefits, social media sites can also be used to further in-class discussions, enhancing the learning process.