

Learning Targets

- Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning or style.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English punctuation when writing.

When you are writing, using transitions helps the reader understand the connections between ideas. Transitions also help you vary sentence structure and sentence beginnings.

Uses of Transitions	Examples	
Logical order or sequence	as a result consequently finally meanwhile next	still then therefore thus
Addition	additionally also another	furthermore in addition likewise
Illustration	for example for instance in fact in this case	indeed specifically such as
Comparison	also another in addition in the same way	likewise moreover similarly
Contrast and exception	although but even so except for however in contrast	instead nevertheless on the contrary on the other hand otherwise yet

A transition that comes at the beginning of a sentence is generally followed by a comma.

Examples:

Ray would like to get a job. **However**, he is usually busy after school and on weekends. **For example**, he has soccer on Tuesdays and Saturdays and goes to tutoring on Mondays and Fridays. **Moreover**, he needs to focus on his schoolwork and make sure that he keeps up his grades. **Therefore**, he will probably wait until summer to apply for a job.

Check Your Understanding

Use an appropriate transition between the two sentences in each item. Use commas as needed to set off each transition.

1. The restaurant's owner faces several challenges. _____ he says it is hard to find and keep good managers.
2. I have always wanted a dog. _____ my parents are allergic to dogs.
3. We can't take my car. It needs a tune-up. _____ one of the tires is slowly deflating.
4. Diurnal animals are active during the day. _____ nocturnal animals are active at night.
5. Start by blending the flour with the other dry ingredients. _____ mix the flour mixture with the eggs and butter.