

## 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	
<b>Logical order or sequence</b>	as a result consequently finally meanwhile next	still then therefore thus
<b>Addition</b>	additionally also another	furthermore in addition likewise
<b>Illustration</b>	for example for instance in fact in this case	indeed specifically such as
<b>Comparison</b>	also another in addition in the same way	likewise moreover similarly
<b>Contrast and exception</b>	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.