



## Transitions

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Transitions are words and/or phrases that create connections between ideas in sentences and paragraphs. Furthermore, they signal that a writer is shifting between ideas, and establish coherent linkages between and within sentences and paragraphs.

## Creating Connections

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For this reason, you should choose transitions with care, whether you are linking to previous sentences, such as providing examples to demonstrate a point, or introducing new ideas and showing how they connect to a previous idea.

The following two examples help demonstrate how transitions can improve writing. In example 1, notice how the writing sounds disjointed and abrupt because there are no transitions. On the other hand, example 2 shows how using transitional words and phrases (which are highlighted and italicized) can help guide readers to see the linkages between ideas in sentences.

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*The Calgary Stampede (the Stampede) is a time-honoured tradition. According to Foran (2008), it has evolved into a “cultural phenomenon” (p. ix), an event that evokes an emotional response. Some critics condemn the Stampede as a money-grabbingbo e Calgary som. B (ga) (n) 5) 3C(*

## Common Transitions

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