

# Using Transitions to Add Information and Emphasis



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You can make your ideas easier to follow by adding transition words or phrases between paragraphs and sentences. Transitions alert readers to new important ideas and details. Here are some transitions that can help you introduce new ideas and emphasize key points.

## Transitions to Add Information

again	also	and	along with
another	as well	besides	finally
for example	for instance	next	

## Transitions to Emphasize a Point

again	for this reason	moreover
in fact	so	with this in mind

This sample paragraph starts with a topic sentence that states an opinion. Transitions then signal each new reason to support the opinion:

We need an afternoon recess for many reasons. *The first reason* is we get really antsy after a lot of seatwork. *In fact*, we stay seated in our classroom for entire afternoons some days. *Another reason* is we don't have a lot of time to play with friends. Lunch recess is really short, and the playground gets crowded. *So* it is hard to play and make friends. *Finally*, we just need the exercise. Kids need to run around and play games. It isn't healthy to sit for so long.

**Your Turn** Fill in the blank with an appropriate transition from the following list: *another*, *with all this in mind*, *in fact*, *finally*.

(Answers will vary.)

Our community pool is due for repairs. One area of concern is the foundation, which has large cracks and chips. \_\_\_In fact\_\_\_, a kid this summer sliced open his toe on one of the cracks. \_\_\_Another\_\_\_ troublesome area is the surface around the pool. Simply put, it's too slippery. Whatever sealer used to be there rubbed off. \_\_\_Finally\_\_\_, the pool doesn't have any of the cool features of pools in other communities. There are no slides, lazy rivers, water spouts, or diving boards. \_\_\_With all this in mind\_\_\_, our community pool badly needs updating.

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