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Transitions within a Paragraph

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Transitions between sentences help readers see the connection between one sentence and the next one.

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Not every sentence should have a transition; rather, transitions tend to appear in every few sentences, such as when the paragraph is changing directions or bringing up a new idea.

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One of the most common ways to make transitions is by using **transition words**, also known as **conjunctive adverbs**.

therefore

however

then

first

consequently

on the other
hand

next

second

thus

conversely

afterwards

third

additionally

rather

later

finally

similarly

for example

meanwhile

in other words

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- Frank needed a composition course to graduate from Las Positas College; **therefore**, he enrolled in English 1A.

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- Transitions make the paragraph much clearer, helping readers see the connections between the sentences.
- Notice that transitions do not appear in every sentence, just when the connection between ideas would not be clear without them.