

Transitional Expressions

Transitions should be used to do all sorts of things. Below are some of the functions of transitions, as well as some of the words that can be used.

1) To Expand

and, also, besides, finally, further, in addition, moreover, then

2) To Exemplify

as an illustration, for example, for instance, in fact, specifically, thus

3) To Qualify

but, certainly, however, to be sure

4) To Summarize or Conclude

and so, finally, in conclusion, in short, in sum, therefore, this shows, thus we see

5) To Show Logical Relationships

as a result, because, by implication, for this reason, this shows that, if, since, so, thus, therefore

6) To Compare

also, as well, likewise, similarly

7) To Contrast

although, but, despite, even though, nevertheless, on the other hand, yet

8) To Show Relationships in Time

after, before, between, earlier, formerly, later, longer than, meanwhile, since

9) To Show Relationships in Space

above, adjacent to, behind, below, beyond, in front of, nearby, next to, north (south, east, west) of, opposite to, over, through, within

Transition sentences have the same basic purpose. They connect one paragraph to another. Be sure that the last sentence of one paragraph relates to the first sentence of the next one.

During a divorce, parents have the ability to shield a child from potential harm. **Couples who stay together believe that the two-parent structure is crucial to the child's well-being.**

This idea about parental structure, however, appears not to be the case. A child's security is her or his relationship with each parent individually, according to studies by Judith Wallerstein, who found that a stable, caring relationship between a child and each parent is the most significant ingredient in a child's emotional health. **Maintaining even one stable relationship appears to reduce the effect of divorce on a child's emotions.**

The issue during a divorce, then, is how well a child can maintain at least one secure relationship. During the early phases of a breakup, both parents are often distracted by other issues. The child may suffer as a result.