Explanatory Paragraphs
with Transitions

1) Look at the list of topics from today's interest survey.

2) Choose one to write about (two paragraphs in length on your own paper or on the back of this one).

3) Use transitions within the paragraphs and between the two paragraphs.

4) Circle each transition you use.

5) When you finish, have a partner or classmate read your two paragraphs (you will read his or hers, too).

- Are both paragraphs on the same topic?
- Do they have explanations that help the reader understand?
- Are the best, most logical transitions used throughout the paragraphs?