Using Transition Words & Phrases

Grade 8
Expository
Reading & Writing
Unit

What are transitional words & phrases?

They're those little words or phrases that writers use to connect their ideas and to make their writing easy to read.

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We're talking about things like

On the other hand, More importantly, therefore, for example, etc.

Why are we learning about these?

They help us keep our thoughts organized and they make it easy for people to understand what we're trying to say when we write.

They're really important with all the expository reading and writing we'll be doing in this unit!

It's also easier to understand what an author is writing about when we have those "cue" words that let us know more about his or her ideas.

What if I'm a writer and I want to give a lot of information about my topic? I would use transition words like these:

In addition,
Additionally,
In fact,
Moreover,
Also,
Likewise,
Equally important,
Similarly,

What if I'm a writer and I want to give a lot of different examples, but I don't want to be boring and just keep writing "For example" all the time? I would use transition words like these:

For example,
For instance,
Specifically,
To demonstrate,
To illustrate,
Notably,

What if I'm a writer and I want to explain a cause/effect situation? I would use transition words like these:

Due to _____, _____.
The reason that _____ is, _____.
Since _____, then _____.
Consequently,
If _____, then _____.
As a result,

What if I'm a writer and I want to describe a compare/contrast situation? I would use transition words like these:

Although, **However,**
In comparison, **Likewise,**
On the other hand,
Unlike _____,

What if I'm a writer and I want to show how important something is without just saying "this is important"? I would use transition words like these:

Above all,
Even more,
More importantly,

What if I'm a writer and I want to end my essay without being lame and saying, "The End"? I would use transition words like these:

Therefore, **Furthermore,**

Altogether, **Overall,**

Finally,