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Transition Words

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Use **transition words** to structure descriptions and to signal readers to expect information. Some transition words form two or more word phrases.

Transition words show **time** (*yesterday, today, tomorrow, the next day*) or **order of occurrence** (*first, second, next, finally, later, last*).

Transition words show **contrasts** (*although, however, on the other hand, but*) or **comparisons** (*also, both, too, just as, likewise, similarly*).

Transition words signal **additional information** (*again, also, further, moreover*) and **conclusions** (*as a result, finally, in summary, last, therefore*).

Practice

Circle the transition words used in the paragraph below.

In conclusion, Egret Point should not be developed into a resort complex. First, a development will lead to traffic congestion at the end of the peninsula. Second, the migratory birds that stop there will lose their habitat. Last and most important, the children and adults who have been going there for years will lose their favorite place to surf, watch wildlife, and spend time with friends and families.