**Using Transitions**

Transitions are special words and phrases that writers use to help the reader understand the way that ideas go together in a sentence, paragraph or essay. In other words, they show how the ideas connect in a piece of text. Different transitions do different jobs and show different types of relationships. Therefore, changing the transition words in a sentence can change the meaning of the text. Some transitions show time relationships (i.e. they explain the order of events) and some show logical relationships. Use this chart to help you better understand the different types of transitions.

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| Type of Transition  (What Relationship is Shown) | Examples of this Type of Transition | A Sentence to Help Me Remember |
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