



Transitional Sentences

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Definition: Transitional sentences are the sentences that show the relationship between two or more main ideas. They transition from one idea to the next idea. They typically appear at the beginning of a paragraph or as the last sentence of a paragraph.

Lesson:

A simple way to create a transitional sentence, the easiest way is to use a compound sentence with one main idea in the beginning of the sentence and transitioning to the next idea in the second part of the sentence. Remember, it always helps to use a subordinating conjunction at the beginning of the sentence. See the table below:

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS			
after	because	lest	till
although	before	now that	unless
as	even if	provided	until
as if	even though	since	when
as long as	how	so that	whenever
as much as	if	than	where
as soon as	in as much as	that	wherever
as though	in order that	though	while



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Example:

Topic 1 - Exercise

Topic 2 - Eating healthy

Subordinating Conjunction - While

Transitional Sentence - **While** exercise is a valuable part of one's daily schedule, eating healthy foods can be a bigger contributor to weight loss.

Topic 1 _____

Topic 2: _____

Subordinating Conjunction: _____

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