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# Transition Talk

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Transition words and phrases connect sentences, paragraphs, and ideas. They also help give your writing pacing and continuity. There are three types of transitions: linking words for similar ideas; cause and effect; and contrasting words for differing ideas. Here are a few examples of transition words.

Type	Transition Word	Example
Linking	and, in addition, furthermore	I overslept, ran out of gas, and forgot my lunch. <b>Furthermore</b> , I stepped in a really big puddle!
Cause and effect	because, therefore, so	Jenna worried about having left her sick little sister, <b>so</b> she decided to go home instead of hanging out with her friends.
Contrasting	but, however, although	I really don't like cucumbers, <b>although</b> I think zucchini is the tastiest veggie on the planet.

**Directions:** For the sentences below, write the type of transition that would best connect the sentences. Then rewrite the sentences using the best transition word or words. In some cases, more than one word applies. We've done the first one for you.

1. I forgot my lunch money. I ate an old bag of trail mix that was in my backpack.

TYPE: cause and effect

I forgot my lunch money, so I ate an old bag of trail mix that was in my backpack.

2. Taylor was very nervous when her taxi was late. She had less than half an hour to get to the airport. TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The football team hasn't won a game all season. Its quarterback tore a ligament at practice yesterday. TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. My sister loves *The Phantom of the Opera*. She sings the whole soundtrack every day.

TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. You could use some fun. You should come to the concert with me. TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. You could use some fun. You should finish your essay first. TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Daniela's cactus died. She always forgets to water it. TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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