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**Lecture 08**

**Opinion Paragraphs: Use of transitional words and phrases**

Transitional words and phrases show the relationships between the parts of a sentence, between the sentences in a paragraph, or between the paragraphs in a longer piece of writing. They are very important to link the writer’s ideas and insure coherence. They can be divided into categories, as presented in the box below; according to the kind of relationship the writer wants to show.

* ***Contrast:***

On the contrary, contrarily, notwithstanding, but, however, nevertheless, in spite of, in

contrast, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, rather, or, nor, conversely, at the same

time, while this may be true.

* ***Addition:***

And, in addition to, furthermore, moreover, besides, too, also, both-and, another, equally important, first, second, etc., again, further, last, finally, not only-but also, as well as, in the second place, next, likewise, similarly, in the same way.

* ***Examples/ Illustration:***

For example, for instance, to illustrate, in other words, as an illustration, in particular, such as.

* ***Consequence or Result:***

So that, with the result that, thus, consequently, hence, accordingly, for this reason, therefore, so, because, since, due to, as a result, then.

* ***Summary:***

Therefore, finally, consequently, thus, in short, in conclusion, in brief, as a result, accordingly, to conclude.

* ***Suggestion:***

For this purpose, to this end, with this in mind, with this purpose in mind, therefore .

The following table may help students to organize these transitional devices in an opinion paragraph.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Reason 1** | **Reason 2** | **Reason 3** | **conclusion** |
| To begin with  One reason  To start off  One important reason | Furthermore  In addition Additionally  Another reason  Moreover | My final reason  My strongest reason for  The most important reason  Finally | In summary  To sum it up  In conclusion  Based on my reasons  For all these reasons |

**Tutorial (TD) 8: Use of transitional words and phrases**

**Exercise 1:** Fill in the gaps with the appropriate transitional device.

1. The accident happened ............... terrible weather. ( Result)
2. The train was cancelled............... I missed my appointment. (Consequence)
3. They decided to buy a new car ............... the problems they were having with their old one. (Result)
4. We were unable to contact you............... communications were so poor. (Result)
5. You have been late every morning this week ............... we have deducted the lost time from your wages. (Consequence)
6. I was sent home from school ............... I was feeling sick. (Result)
7. It was too far to walk ...............we caught the bus. (Consequence)

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the sentences, using the words given, so that they have the same meaning

a) Joseph never helped with the housework. Pat did. (while)

b) We sometimes stayed out late. We always got home before twelve. (though)

c) He didn’t like sport: he didn’t mind watching football. (however)

**Exercise 3:** Rewrite the following sentences starting with the word(s) given

a) He has never worked for a newspaper, but he’s been hired all the same.

Though ....................................................................................................................

b) She was very tired, but she finished the job.

In spite of .................................................................................................................

c) The film was boring. We decided to leave early.

................. so .................. that ................................................................................

**Exercise 4:** Improve cohesion of the following opinion paragraph by Adding transitional devices where appropriate.

I have mixed feelings about my school. It is a great place to make new friends. It is fun to play sports with my classmates. Sometimes we have interesting activities like concerts and festivals. We have to study a lot. We have too many classes every day, too much homework, and too many tests. I have to get up early to get to school on time and I never get home until after dinner. School would be great if we did not have to learn there.

**Further readings**

Linking words and phrases [file:///C:/Users/GHOST/Downloads/Linking%20Words%20and%20Phrases.pdf](file:///C:\Users\GHOST\Downloads\Linking%20Words%20and%20Phrases.pdf)