

## Identify Transitional Words/Phrases Worksheet

**Directions:** Read the paragraphs below and underline in any colored pencil the transitional words and phrases with a partner. Remember to also list the transitional words at the bottom of each paragraph.

### Paragraph #1

The narrator in *Three Skeleton Key* is the protagonist of the short story. For example, he tells the story of a horrifying experience when he was young working in a lighthouse. In the first paragraph he foreshadows future plot events by using the adjective “terrifying”. This shows that what he experienced when he worked in the lighthouse was truly horrific. This is important because as the reader, we are learning the events of the story through his perspective. As a result, the short story is told from the first person perspective because the narrator uses phrases such as “I” and “my.”

Transitional Words:

- 1). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2). \_\_\_\_\_
- 3). \_\_\_\_\_
- 4). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5). \_\_\_\_\_

### Paragraph #2

When I became a teacher, I realized that I wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. First, I started as a para-professional, which means I worked as a aide to students with disabilities. Second, I began substitute teaching. Third, I worked at a continuation high school as a long term substitute teacher for a year. Lastly, I came to Vallejo in 2006 and have been teaching at Vallejo Middle School ever since. Furthermore, I think the students in Vallejo are very intelligent and good kids at heart.

Transitional Words:

- 1). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2). \_\_\_\_\_
- 3). \_\_\_\_\_
- 4). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5). \_\_\_\_\_
- 6). \_\_\_\_\_