

### Transitional Words and Writing the First Draft

You organize the order of incidents in a story by using transitions. These are words and phrases that help to connect the events in the story. Here is a list of transitions and phrases that are often used in paragraphs.

First	while	at the beginning	before	then	and
Next	soon	in the middle	after	next	later
Meanwhile	by the time	finally	when	at the end	

Write your own

That is, the order of the incidents in the story is organized. However, there is one more thing. For example, you might use a transitional word like "first" before the first incident, "before" before the second incident, "when" before the third incident, "and" before the fourth incident, "and" before the fifth incident, "and" before the sixth incident, "and" before the seventh incident, "and" before the eighth incident, "and" before the ninth incident, "and" before the tenth incident.

### Read the following narrative paragraph.

First, I went to the store. Then, I bought some milk. Next, I went to the bank and got some money. After that, I went to the post office and got some stamps. Then, I went to the library and got some books. After that, I went to the park and got some flowers. Then, I went to the zoo and got some tickets. After that, I went to the museum and got some information. Then, I went to the restaurant and got some food. After that, I went to the hotel and got some rooms. Then, I went to the airport and got some tickets. After that, I went to the plane and got some seats. Then, I went to the city and got some sightseeing. After that, I went to the beach and got some sun. Then, I went to the mountains and got some skiing. After that, I went to the lake and got some fishing. Then, I went to the river and got some boating. After that, I went to the forest and got some hiking. Then, I went to the mountains and got some climbing. After that, I went to the lake and got some canoeing. Then, I went to the river and got some kayaking. After that, I went to the forest and got some camping. Then, I went to the mountains and got some backpacking. After that, I went to the lake and got some fishing. Then, I went to the river and got some boating. After that, I went to the forest and got some hiking. Then, I went to the mountains and got some climbing. After that, I went to the lake and got some canoeing. Then, I went to the river and got some kayaking. After that, I went to the forest and got some camping. Then, I went to the mountains and got some backpacking.