Argument paragraph day 5

**Transition Words & Phrases**

**Anchor Chart**

**What are transitions and what do they do?**

* They are words and phrases that form ***idea bridges*** for the reader to let them know how the information they just read is related to the information they are about to read.
* Transitions show the reader how your ideas fit together so they are more likely to be persuaded by your argument.

**Where are they located?**

Transitions are located within sentences, between sentences, and between paragraphs.

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| **To prove** | Because, since, for the same reason, obviously, furthermore, in fact, in addition |
| **To provide an example** | for example, for instance, in other words, namely, specifically, to illustrate, to demonstrate, in particular |
| **To show result** | accordingly, as a result, consequently, so, thereby, therefore, thus, finally, |
| **To add more information** | also, and, as well, besides, equally important, finally, furthermore, in addition |
| **To show cause** | as, because, for, since, due to |
| **To show sequence** | first, (second, third, fourth, fifth), next, following this, subsequently, consequently, finally, therefore |
| **To show time** | afterward, before, currently, eventually, finally, immediately, in the future, in the past, later, meanwhile, next, often, sometimes, soon, subsequently, then, today, when |
| **To summarize ideas** | finally, in conclusion, in short, in summary, to sum up, therefore |
| **To compare ideas** | in the same way, likewise, similarly, similar to, also, again |
| **To contrast ideas** | at the same time, but, conversely, even so, even though, however, in contrast, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the one hand, on the other hand, still, yet, in comparison, in contrast, on the contrary, as opposed to, despite, unlike, although, conversely |

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**Identify the Transition**

* Circle or highlight all the transitions in the paragraph below.
* Underneath the paragraph, record the transitions and indicate what type each one is.
* Next, replace each transition with another transition that could also do the same work in the column titled “new transition.”

The Benefits of Chocolate

People should feel free to eat chocolate on a regular basis, despite concerns about obesity in America, because consuming chocolate in moderation can have positive health effects. For example, it is a food that improves one’s mood. Specifically, many people report experiencing a feeling of pleasure during and after eating chocolate. In addition, eating chocolate, especially dark chocolate, has been proven to be good for the heart because it acts as an anti-oxidant, meaning that it frees the body of toxins. However, it’s important to pay attention to how much chocolate you consume. Eating large amounts will counteract the positive antioxidant effects this candy can have. Eating an entire bag of Hershey kisses in a single day, for instance, will only cause weight gain. Therefore, the next time you reach for a chocolate bar, you can feel good about it, as long as you don’t eat the whole thing!

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| Number | Transition | Type of Transition |
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**Identify the Transition**

**Teacher Version**

* Circle or highlight all the transitions in the paragraph below.
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| **Number** | **Transition** | **Type of Transition** |
| 1. | despite | To contrast ideas |
| 2. | because | To show cause |
| 3. | For example | To provide an example |
| 4. | Specifically | To provide an example |
| 5. | In addition | To prove |
| 6. | However | To contrast ideas |
| 7. | for instance | To provide an example |
| 8. | Therefore | To summarize |

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**Transition Madlibs**

**Directions**

* Insert the best transition for the sentence in each blank.
* For a hint about the kind of transition to choose, pay careful attention to the transition type indicated after each blank.
* Do not repeat any transitions in the paragraph.

The Dangers of Drinking Soda

Who doesn’t enjoy the bubbly, sugary taste of Coke or Sprite on a hot summer day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(to contrast ideas)* drinking soda regularly can have harmful effects on your body. Doctors and experts refer to soda as “liquid candy” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(to prove)* it is so sweet and high in calories. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(to show result)* this sugary liquid can cause cavities and enamel erosion according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (webmd.com). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(to prove)* some studies have linked regular soda consumption to an increased risk of childhood obesity (everydayhealth.com). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(to contrast ideas)* Maureen Storey, Associate Director of the Georgetown Center, says: "Portion sizes have expanded dramatically and it is simply wrong to blame increases in obesity on food or beverages that contain carbohydrates" (abc.com). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(to contrast ideas)* soda does suppress the appetite, making eating healthy foods, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(to provide an example)* fruits and vegetables, less appealing. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *(to prove or add more information)* researchers have discovered that the more caffeinated soda kids drink, the less sleep they get, which can affect school work and sports participation (msnbc.com). If you must drink soda, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(to show result),* drink it in moderation and try to cut back to only one or two cans per week.

**Transition Madlibs**

* **KEY (OTHER WORDS MAY WORK)**

The Dangers of Drinking Soda

Who doesn’t enjoy the bubbly, sugary taste of Coke or Sprite on a hot summer day? NEVER THE LESS, *(to contrast ideas)* drinking soda regularly can have harmful effects on your body. Doctors and experts refer to soda as “liquid candy” BECAUSE *(to prove)* it is so sweet and high in calories. AS A RESULT, *(to show result)* this sugary liquid can cause cavities and enamel erosion according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (webmd.com). IN FACT *(to prove)* some studies have linked regular soda consumption to an increased risk of childhood obesity (everydayhealth.com). EVEN SO, *(to contrast ideas)* Maureen Storey, Associate Director of the Georgetown Center, says: "Portion sizes have expanded dramatically and it is simply wrong to blame increases in obesity on food or beverages that contain carbohydrates" (abc.com). HOWEVER, *(to contrast ideas)* soda does suppress the appetite, making eating healthy foods, FOR EXAMPLE *(to provide an example)* fruits and vegetables, less appealing. ALSO, *(to prove or add more information)* researchers have discovered that the more caffeinated soda kids drink, the less sleep they get, which can affect school work and sports participation (msnbc.com). If you must drink soda, FINALLY *(to show result),* drink it in moderation and try to cut back to only one or two cans per week.