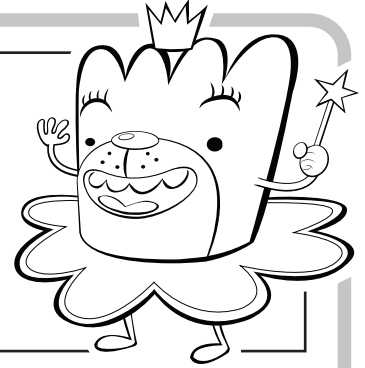


Linking Ideas with Transition Words

Why are Linking Words and Phrases important?

- They introduce new ideas.
- They connect key information (facts and details) in our writing by showing:
 - Time order
 - Compare and Contrast
 - Examples
 - Emphasis
 - Additional information
 - Conclusions



Directions: Based on the other transitions in the passage, choose a good transition word to use in each blank. Circle the best transition and write it on the line.

1. Each winter, my family and I choose a location to visit for a family trip. We love to travel!

_____ First _____, we think about what activities we could do in each place. We try to find things that we would all enjoy. _____ Then _____, we check out flights and hotels to see if there are any great deals. _____ Finally _____, we choose a destination and begin planning specific details.

First Next
Also Then
Finally However

2. Exercise is something that people do for physical wellness. _____ In addition _____, exercise provides benefits to our mental health. Exercise is done for many reasons. _____ For example _____, it helps reduce stress, increase weight loss, and strengthen muscles. Many people enjoy the act of exercising. _____ Another _____ health benefit of exercise is that it helps us to sleep better. Sleep, healthy food choices, and exercises are all part of a positive lifestyle. _____ In conclusion _____, the health benefits of exercise can improve a person's life.

For example In addition
For example But
Another Also
And In conclusion

3. Imagine a cafeteria in which all students could sit wherever they wanted, regardless of class.

_____ On one hand _____, some students may wish to choose their seats. _____ On the other hand _____, some students may rather have assigned seats. I believe that we should be able to choose our own seats.

_____ To begin _____, students would be able to talk to their friends at lunch instead of during the teacher's lesson. _____ Also _____, choosing seats at lunch would allow students to make new friends. _____ Finally _____, school is about both academic learning as well as social learning.

_____ To conclude _____, we should pick our own seats.

On one hand After
On the other hand Also
As a result To begin
In conclusion Also
Finally To start
Then To conclude