

INFORMATIONAL
WRITING:
**LINKING
IDEAS**



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
 - examples
 - additional information
 - compare and contrast
 - emphasis
 - conclusions

Directions: Refer to the transition words below as you complete the exercises on page 2 and 3.

TIME ORDER

after
before
currently
during
soon
finally
first
following
initially
later
meanwhile
previously
second
since

**COMPARE
AND CONTRAST**

like
similar to
compared to
although
on the other hand
in contrast

EMPHASIS

always
especially
in fact
never
without a doubt
surprisingly

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

additionally
along with this
also
another
as well
for instance
furthermore
in addition

EXAMPLES

evidence of this
for example
for instance
in particular
in this case
such as

TO CONCLUDE

as a result
finally
in conclusion
in summary
lastly
therefore
thus
to sum up

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



Tornado safety is important because this violent weather event commonly occurs in the spring. First, pay attention to the local news and weather apps on your phone. _____, be sure to have a safe place to go in the case that a tornado warning has been issued for your area. _____, follow the warnings. Many people ignore the warnings, which puts them in danger. _____, tornado safety is very important, especially for people who live in Tornado Alley where most tornadoes occur.

In conclusion / Next

Also / For example

To sum it up / However

There are many reasons that rain is an important part of weather. _____, rain is necessary for plants and grass to grow. Without rain, plants and flowers would die. _____, rainfall fills streams, rivers, and lakes. This is where humans get water that is clean to use and drink. _____, the rain that fills the streams, rivers, and lakes is important for the living organisms there. If there was no rain, their homes would dry up. _____, while rain can be annoying to deal with, Earth's living creatures depend on it.

After / For instance

Before / Also

In addition / Always

For example / In conclusion

Name _____

Date _____

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Directions: Record your favorite recipe below.
Write directions for how to follow the recipe.
Circle all of the linking words you used.



FOOD: _____

COOKING TIME: _____

PROCEDURE: _____

INGREDIENTS:

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Draw your dish here!