

Fitting It All Together: Using Transitional Expressions

Although you're pretending to watch television, I know that you are daydreaming.
In other words, wake up!

The words in boldface type above are examples of transitional expressions. **Transitional expressions** are words or phrases that provide a transition or connection between or among ideas. The following chart shows some frequently used transitional expressions and the relationships they indicate.

| Comparing Ideas | | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------|
| also | furthermore | similarly | |
| and | moreover | too | |
| Many people in Salem were strict and solemn. There also were less somber people who visited at Bridget Bishop's tavern. | | | |
| Contrasting Ideas | | | |
| although | however | instead | still |
| but | in spite of | nevertheless | yet |
| Although Reverend Parris has a daughter, he has little interest in children. | | | |
| Showing Cause and Effect | | | |
| as a result | consequently | so that | |
| because | since | therefore | |
| Not all the people of Salem came to the meeting house regularly. As a result , the town appointed a patrol to take down the names of those who did not attend. | | | |
| Showing Time | | | |
| after | finally | meanwhile | |
| at last | first | then | |
| Friends gathered to raise the roof on new farmhouses in Salem. After the work was done, they enjoyed cider and special foods. | | | |
| Showing Place | | | |
| above | around | here | inside |
| across | beyond | in front of | into |
| Dense forest marked Salem's western boundary. Beyond that lay the American continent and all its mysteries. | | | |
| Showing Affirmation | | | |
| certainly | indeed | truly | |
| The settlers in Massachusetts benefited from their strong leadership. Indeed , able leaders were essential to the colony's survival. | | | |
| Announcing an Example or Restatement | | | |
| for example | for instance | in other words | |
| In Virginia, for example , colonists suffered when they did not work together. | | | |

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Exercise **Revising Sentences by Using Transitional Expressions**

Revise each of the following sentences by using the type of transitional expression shown in brackets. You may add or delete words or change word forms. Add punctuation as necessary.

EXAMPLE: The people of Salem descended from the passengers on the *Mayflower*. Their community had changed and evolved by 1692. [*contrasting ideas*]

Although the people of Salem descended from the passengers on the Mayflower,
their community had changed and evolved by 1692.

1. Several girls in the town are suddenly afflicted. Ruth Putnam cannot see or hear. [*announcing an example or restatement*]

2. Betty falls sick with an unexplained ailment. Several characters begin to worry about their earlier behavior. [*showing time*]

3. Betty Parris lies sick in bed. Reverend Parris kneels and prays for his daughter. [*showing place*]

4. Reverend Parris frightens Betty and Abigail. They are terrified when he finds them dancing in the forest. [*showing affirmation*]

5. Abigail is dismissed from the Proctor household. Her uncle believes she has not behaved well. [*showing cause and effect*]

6. Thomas Putnam is undoubtedly distressed when the village rejects his candidate for minister. He is embittered by the division of his father's estate. [*comparing ideas*]

7. The witch hunt unfolds in Salem. Old quarrels are openly expressed. [*showing cause and effect*]

8. The colonists rely on order for survival. They develop a desire for more freedom. [*contrasting ideas*]

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