

Transitional words are words that help to join sentences together or connect ideas. They are preceded by a semi-colon and followed by a comma.

Examples of transitional words:

first, lastly, finally, next, however, besides, otherwise, as a result, however, therefore, indeed, hence, consequently, in fact, nevertheless, eventually, while, meanwhile...

Exercise: Read the following passage carefully. Identify the transitional words or phrases.

There was a heat wave in the country and everybody was prepared. With this in mind, Patrice had on her hat, but Ritmo took off his shirt and carried it over his shoulder as they went down to the beach to bathe. He said nothing whatever about the pound cake, because he had eaten it all; and he never had any manners. He waddled straight into the water and blew bubbles through his nose, leaving his shirt on the beach. Presently, Patrice came by and found the shirt, and she smiled one smile that ran all round her face two times. Then, she danced three times round the shirt and rubbed her hands. Then, she went to gather some tiny ants and place them in the shirt.

Soon, Ritmo emerge from the water and took that shirt. He buttoned it up with the three buttons, and it tickled like bed bugs in bed. Then, he wanted to scratch, but that made it worse; and then he lay down on the sands and rolled and rolled and rolled, and every time he rolled the ants tickled him worse and worse and worse. Then, he ran to the palm-tree and rubbed and rubbed and rubbed himself against it. He rubbed so much and so hard that he rubbed his shirt into a great fold over his shoulders, and another fold underneath, where the buttons used to be (but he rubbed the buttons off). As a result, it spoiled his temper, but it didn't make the least difference to the few ants. Yet, they were on his shirt and they tickled. So he went home, very angry indeed and horribly scratchy.

Eventually, Patrice appeared. She was hiding behind the palm-tree, still wearing her hat, from which the rays of the sun were reflected. She watched Ritmo leave to his home. Finally, she then packed her few belongings on the beach and headed the opposite direction feeling satisfied.

Write a passage using transitional words or phrases for one of the following:



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