Transition Words

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Transition words link ideas and help the reader follow along. Some show **order** (first, next, then, finally), some **add** ideas (also, another, in addition), and some show a **difference** (but, however, on the other hand).

Tip: Put a comma after a transition at the start of a sentence: *First, wash your hands.*

1. Sort the transitions

Write each transition in the right column.



also | first | however | next | another | but | finally | in addition | on the other hand | after that | plus | instead

Order	Add an idea	Show a difference
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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2. Choose the transition

Circle the transition word that fits best.

1. _____, crack the eggs into a bowl. — First / However / Also
2. Dogs are loyal. _____, they love to play. — Finally / Also / However
3. I wanted to go outside. _____, it was raining. — However / Next / First
4. We packed our bags. _____, we drove to the cabin. — Instead / Plus / Then
5. _____, we arrived home tired but happy. — Finally / Also / However

3. Write the steps

Write how to make a bowl of cereal. Start each step with a transition.

1. First, _____
2. Next, _____
3. Then, _____
4. Finally, _____

Answer Key

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1. Sort the transitions

Order	Add an idea	Show a difference
first	also	however
next	another	but
finally	in addition	on the other hand
after that	plus	instead

2. Choose the transition

1. **First**, crack the eggs into a bowl. — **First** / However / Also
2. Dogs are loyal. **Also**, they love to play. — Finally / **Also** / However
3. I wanted to go outside. **However**, it was raining. — **However** / Next / First
4. We packed our bags. **Then**, we drove to the cabin. — Instead / Plus / **Then**
5. **Finally**, we arrived home tired but happy. — **Finally** / Also / However

3. Write the steps

Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. First,
   First, get a bowl and a spoon.
2. Next,
   Next, pour the cereal into the bowl.
3. Then,
   Then, add some milk.
4. Finally,
   Finally, enjoy your breakfast!