

Transitions and Connectors

Transitions

- **In addition, / Additionally**, followed by a complete sentence
- **However**, followed by a complete sentence
- _____ **also** _____.

Place “also” before an active verb or in the middle of a passive verb:

*The patient **also experiences** slurred speech and uncontrollable shivering.*

*The blood **is also tested** to determine the level of cholesterol.*

- **In addition to** _____, _____ **also** _____.

A previously mentioned idea must come before “In addition to.”

*The patient with this disease experiences fevers and chills. **In addition to these symptoms**, he **also** suffers from gastrointestinal problems.*

- **Besides these** _____, _____ **also** _____.

A previously mentioned idea must come before “Besides these.”

*The patient is prescribed antibiotics and analgesics. **Besides these medications**, the patient should **also** take antihistamines.*

Starting with Time or Degree

- **Usually, / Often, / Sometimes**, etc., followed by a complete sentence

Note: the comma after sometimes is optional

- **In the early / late stage of X / As the disease progresses**, followed by a complete sentence
- **In mild cases / In severe cases**, followed by a complete sentence

Giving Examples

_____, such as *a and b*, _____.

_____, including *a and b*, _____.

_____, which include *a and b*, _____.

_____, for example, *a and b*, _____.

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Other Connectors

- **As well**

Place “as well” at the end of a short, complete sentence. A comma is not normally used, except when one wishes to give more weight to the statement.

- **Although**

Place “although” before two complete sentences.

Although this bacterium has become drug resistant, scientists are discovering innovative ways to weaken the bacterium.

Place “although” between two complete sentences.

The most widely used drug for this disease is penicillin although the bacterium causing the disease has become resistant to this antibiotic.

- **Since / Because**

Place “since” or “because” before two complete sentences.

Since the Zika virus is more prominent in tropical climates and currently has no treatment, doctors in Brazil are recommending that local couples use birth control.

Place “since” or “because” between two complete sentences.

Doctors in Brazil are recommending that local couples use birth control because the Zika virus is more prominent in tropical climates and currently has no treatment.