

## APSU Writing Center

### Practice Writing Transitional Sentences

#### What are transitional sentences?

- Transitional sentences are phrases or clauses that connect ideas and help guide the reader through your writing.
- We use transitional sentences to...
  - Show how one idea relates to another.
  - Help the audience understand the order of events.
  - Provide support and clarification to our ideas.
  - Reinforce the main idea before moving onto a new topic.
  - Explain how ideas are related.

#### Practice writing transitional sentences

- The best way to improve your use of transitional sentences is with practice.
- Read through the sentences below and write your transitional sentence in the space provided.
- The answers are on the back of this handout.

#### Write a transitional sentence to go between these two:

1. "Many students struggle with writing. They often feel overwhelmed by assignments."

- **Transitional Sentence:**

2. "Research shows that students benefit from collaborative learning (Smith, 2022). They also develop important social skills."

- **Transitional Sentence:**

3. "Johnson (2023) argues that regular exercise improves mental health. Many students struggle with stress."

- **Transitional Sentence:**

4. "The Writing Center is open for both in-person and online appointments. This makes it accessible to all students."

- **Transitional Sentence:**

5. The study by White (2023) indicates a strong correlation between study habits and GPA. This suggests a need for academic support.

- **Transitional Sentence:**

6. Smith (2022) found that writing centers can aid in various aspects of the writing process. This includes brainstorming, drafting, and revising.

- **Transitional Sentence:**

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#### **ANSWER KEY**

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1. To illustrate, many students struggle with writing because they often feel overwhelmed by assignments.
2. Building on this research, collaborative learning not only enhances academic performance but also fosters the development of essential social skills.
3. Therefore, considering Johnson's findings, it's crucial to recognize the importance of regular exercise as a potential remedy for the stress many students face.
4. Therefore, the combination of in-person and online appointments, along with tutoring options that allow students to submit papers for feedback at any time, empowers students to access the support they need in a way that fits their busy schedules.
5. This correlation, as highlighted by White, underscores the critical need for academic support services that foster effective study habits among students.
6. In light of Smith's findings, students can take advantage of the Writing Center's comprehensive support services that encompass everything from brainstorming to final revisions.