|  | **Question**: Why are transition words and phrases important?  **Answer:** |
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|  | **Directions:** Underline any **red words** that appear in the video.  **What is a conjunction?**  The conjunction is a part of speech that joins words, phrases, or clauses together.  **What is a conjunctive adverb?**  A conjunctive adverb is a word (or short phrase) that provides a link to the previous sentence or previous independent clause; basically, it shows the relationship between two complete thoughts.  **T.H.A.M.O.S.**  **Tip:** To remember the most basic conjunctive adverbs, one can use the acronym T.H.A.M.O.S. In a sense, think of it like the F.A.N.B.O.Y.S. of conjunctive adverbs.   | **Letter** | **Word** | **Synonyms/Meaning** | | --- | --- | --- | | **T** |  |  | | **H** |  |  | | **A** |  |  | | **M** |  |  | | **O** |  |  | | **S** |  |  |   **Arrangements and Sentence Formulas**  One can arrange a sentence in various ways based on the conjunctive adverb's placement.   | **Sentence Formula Key** | | | --- | --- | | IDC | Independent Clause | | DC | Dependent Clause | | Conjun. Adv. | Conjunctive Adverb | |
| **Sentence Formula 1**: Compound Sentences and Semicolons   * **Quick Note:** A semicolon joins two independent clauses that are similar in content/ideas. This arrangement helps create a compound sentence. * If a writer wants to transition after a semicolon to build clarity about the relationship between two independent clauses, a writer can use a conjunctive adverb and a comma after a semicolon to enhance the flow and clarity.  | **Independent Clause 1** | **;** | **Conjun. Adv.** | **,** | **Independent Clause 2** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | I am terrified of dolphins | ; | therefore | , | I do not swim in the ocean. |   **Note:**  After the conjunctive adverb, place a comma to offset it from the rest of the sentence/clause.  **Quick Note:** After the semicolon, you DO NOT have to capitalize the conjunctive adverb.  **Sentence Formula 2:** Starting a Sentence  If a writer wants to start a sentence with a conjunctive adverb to build off the previous sentence, they can use a conjunctive adverb and a comma to transition into the next sentence/clause.  **Quick Note:** A sentence can start with a conjunctive adverb. If it does, make sure to capitalize the conjunctive adverb and place a comma behind it to separate it from the independent clause.  **Example 1**   | **IDC 1** | **.** | **Conjun. Adv.** | **,** | **IDC 2** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | I am terrified of dolphins | . | Therefore | , | I do not swim in the ocean. |   **Sentence Formula 3:** Ending a Sentence  Watch the extended version of this episode on [www.mrgoodiegrammar.com](http://www.mrgoodiegrammar.com) to view this structure  **Sentence Formula 4: Interrupting with Parenthetical Commas**  If a writer wants to add a conjunctive adverb into the middle of a sentence or clause, they can use parenthetical commas (double commas) to interrupt the thought.   | **IDC 1** | **.** | **IDC 2** | **,** | **Conjun Adv.** | **,** | **IDC 2** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | I will never swim in the ocean | . | I | , | however | , | think the ocean is incredibly interesting. |   **Note:** As noted, we took the same independent clauses. All we did was change the arrangement, yet the sentence’s meaning stays the same. | |
|  | **Directions:** Read each sentence carefully. Then add in any commas/semicolons that properly punctuate the sentence. If the sentence is already correctly punctuated, then DO NOT change it.  **Sentence 1**: The crows were not afraid of the scarecrow; therefore, they easily ate the farmer’s crops.  **Sentence 2:** Jared has awful breath; also he eats way too much candy.  **Sentence 4:** Timmy’s parents do not let him eat pasta; however, he secretly eats it at 3:00 A.M. |
|  | **Directions:** Read the following passage, and add the correct punctuation.  **Passage**  My name is Randal however my friends call me Randy. The interesting thing about me is that I am a lawyer and I love to practice law. I like to argue for those that do not have a voice meanwhile many other lawyers try to silence voices. I find that to be frustrating therefore I make it my mission to work even harder to speak up for my clients. Otherwise I am unsure who will speak up for them. |
|  | **Your Answer: (see above)** |
| **Extra Notes** |  |