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Question: Why are transition words and phrases important?

Answer:



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 | | |
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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.



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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 |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
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Sentence Formula 3: Ending a Sentence

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this structure



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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.

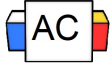
Sentence 1: The crows were not afraid of the scarecrow; therefore, they easily ate the farmer's crops.

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.



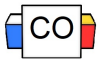
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Directions: Read the following passage, and add the correct punctuation.

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