

PARCC ELA Parent Practice Tip #1
Written Expression-Transition Words & Phrases

Transition words and phrases are used to make shifts between ideas, evidence and events. They establish clear connections and ensure that sentences and paragraphs flow together smoothly.

Tip 1. Incorporate transition words while speaking. Have your child retell an event that occurred at school or over the weekend. Use “sequence or time” transition words/phrases to connect ideas together.

Tip 2. When writing an essay or paragraph for a class, encourage your child to include appropriate transitions (see word bank below) between sentences and paragraphs.

Transition Words & Phrases Word Bank

To indicate a result or an effect:

Accordingly, finally, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus

To summarize:

Briefly, in brief, overall, summing up, to put it briefly, to sum it up, to summarize

To conclude:

Given these facts, hence, in conclusion, so, therefore, thus, to conclude

To indicate an example:

For example, for instance, in particular, particularly, specifically, to demonstrate, to illustrate

To indicate shift in time or to create sequence:

After, before, currently, during, eventually, finally, first, second, third, formerly, immediately, initially, lastly, later, meanwhile, next, previously, simultaneously, soon, subsequently

To compare and contrast:

Although, however, in comparison, in contrast, likewise, nevertheless, on the other hand, similarly, whereas, yet