

Transition Words

transition = moving from one place or idea to another place or idea

Signals tell you that something is going to happen. Here are some examples:



← You broke the rules. Do it again, and you're out.



← A train is coming. Wait here.



← Stop. People will cross the street.



← I'm going to turn right.

Signals tell you there will be a transition. In writing, signal words tell when the writer will move (transition) from one idea to another idea. Here are some examples:

however also and since although in conclusion consequently

Some signal words help writers keep their changing ideas in order:

First, the doctor explained what he was going to do. Next, he cleaned my arm with alcohol. Then, he held my arm still. Finally, he gave me the shot.

Put a signal word at the beginning of each transition.

_____, people came from England to live in North America. _____, they became angry with England's unfair laws. _____, they went to war against England. _____, they won the war and started their own country: The United States of America.

Watch the short video. Write a paragraph to retell the story. Use these signal words as you move from one part of the story to the next: first, next, then, finally .

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si=QC0izyNyveW36DiV](https://youtu.be/UdZ9P_tWFSw?si=QC0izyNyveW36DiV)

The Minions and the Light Bulb

First, _____

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si=SteBeCpArZMOXSXE](https://youtu.be/iM8cMlrl3So?si=SteBeCpArZMOXSXE)

Retell the story. Write a paragraph. Use these **signal words: first, next, then, finally.**

The Ice Cream Cone

Practice more!

Watch the video. Retell the story. Use **signal words: first, next, last, finally.**

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OikvvX7zQX1XDOY](https://youtu.be/Q-TQQE1y68c?si=-OikvvX7zQX1XDOY)

The Elevator