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Today we learn transitions: words and phrases that link the ideas in an argument.

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2. Type your answers in the **yellow boxes**.
3. Save it and upload it to **Classera** before the end of the lesson.

Grammar: Transitions in Argumentative Writing

Wednesday 11 November (Period 2)

Learning focus: I can use transitions to link my claim, reasons and evidence, and to show a counterclaim, in argumentative writing.

Success criteria: I will...

- ✓ know 5 kinds of transitions
- ✓ choose the right transition for the job
- ✓ punctuate transitions correctly

Job	Transitions
Add a reason	First, Also, In addition, Furthermore
Give evidence	For example, For instance, According to the text
Show cause/effect	As a result, Therefore, Because of this
Show a counterclaim	However, On the other hand, Some people think
Conclude	In conclusion, Overall, To sum up

Punctuation rule: When a transition starts a sentence, put a **comma** after it. Example: **However,** the program was expensive.

Task 1: Sort the transitions (5 minutes)

What is the **job** of each transition? Type: **reason**, **evidence**, **cause/effect**, **counterclaim** or **conclude**.

#	Transition	Job
1	On the other hand	
2	For instance	
3	Therefore	
4	Furthermore	
5	To sum up	
6	According to the text	

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7	Because of this	
8	Some people think	

Task 2: Choose the best transition (5 minutes)

Type the letter **A, B, C or D** in the yellow box.

1. Astronauts take big risks. _____, they help us learn about space.
   A. For example
   B. However
   C. In conclusion
   D. First

My answer:	

2. The shuttles were very expensive to maintain. _____, NASA ended the program.
   A. For instance
   B. On the other hand
   C. As a result
   D. In addition

My answer:	

3. Space exploration helps science. _____, satellites help us predict the weather.
   A. However
   B. For example
   C. To sum up
   D. Therefore

My answer:	

4. _____, the rewards of space travel are bigger than the risks.
   A. For instance
   B. Because of this
   C. Some people think
   D. In conclusion

My answer:	

Task 3: Add the missing commas (5 minutes)

Rewrite each sentence with a **comma** in the correct place.

#	Sentence	Corrected sentence
1	However the shuttles were not completely reliable.	

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2	For example Columbia orbited the Earth 37 times.	
3	In addition the crews repaired the Hubble Space Telescope.	
4	Overall the program was an impressive achievement.	

Task 4: Improve the paragraph (10 minutes)

This paragraph has **no transitions**. Rewrite it. Add **at least four** transitions from the toolkit. Remember the commas.

Astronauts should keep exploring space. Space exploration teaches us new things. Scientists use the Hubble telescope to study faraway stars. Space missions bring countries together. Many countries work on the International Space Station. Some people think space travel is too dangerous. Astronauts train for many years to stay safe. Exploring space is worth the risk.

Task 5: Exit task (5 minutes)

Exit: Write two sentences about space travel. Join them with a transition.

Sentence 1: _____.

Transition + sentence 2: _____, _____.

How well did I understand today? Type X next to your number: 1 (I need help) [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 (I can explain it) [ ]

Before you leave: 1. Save your work. 2. Upload it to Classera. 3. Type "Done" in the Teams chat.
Thank you, 8A. Great work today!

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