

Transitions: Definition

Writers use transitions to organize details into patterns. In written language, these patterns make writing easier to follow, so that the writer's thoughts can be understood. One kind of transition has to do with definition. A definition is given to explain a new, difficult, or special term. Examples are then often provided for clarification.



DEFINITION TRANSITION WORDS

consists of	is a term that	involves	means
is called	is characterized by	that is	for example
occurs when	meaning	entails	such as

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Choose from the words above to fill in the blanks. Use each word only once.

- The process by which used materials are converted into material that can be used again _____ recycling.
- “Agoraphobia” _____ is used by people who work in the field of mental health. Agoraphobia _____ a person has a panic disorder that involves intense fear of being in places or situations where it seems like escape might be difficult or help might be unavailable if the person develops panic-like symptoms.
- A healthy diet _____ a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Name _____ **Using Transition Words to Show Relationships**

4. Unhappiness _____, among other things, mood swings, depression, and a tendency towards tears.

5. Dogs are diurnal, _____, they sleep at night and are awake during the day.

6. Sculpting _____ creating or representing something by carving, casting or other shaping techniques.

7. There are many types of tea, _____, Earl Grey, chamomile and orange hibiscus.

8. Owning a cat _____ feeding it, making sure it gets plenty of exercise and playtime, giving it lots of affection and annual shots and checkups at the vet.

9. Becoming a lawyer _____ not only a great deal of school, but practical, on-the-job training as well.

10. I am a cartographer; _____, I make maps.