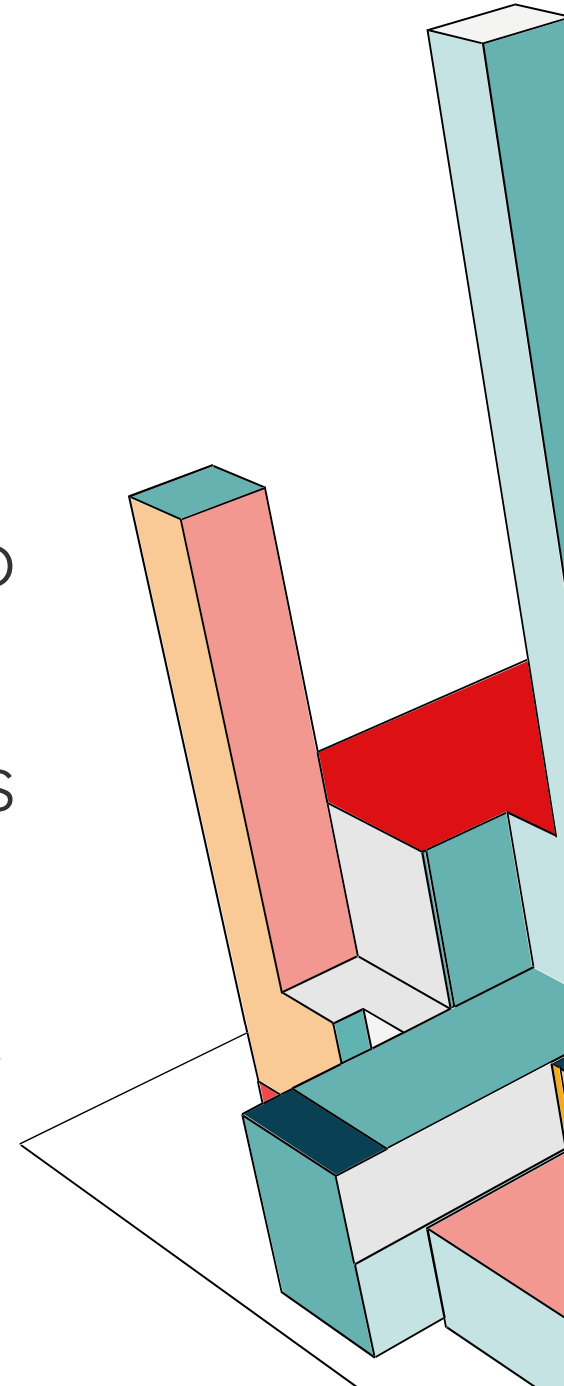


FRIDAY FIVE: 9/13 MAKING IT FLOW: HOW TO WRITE A TRANSITION SENTENCE

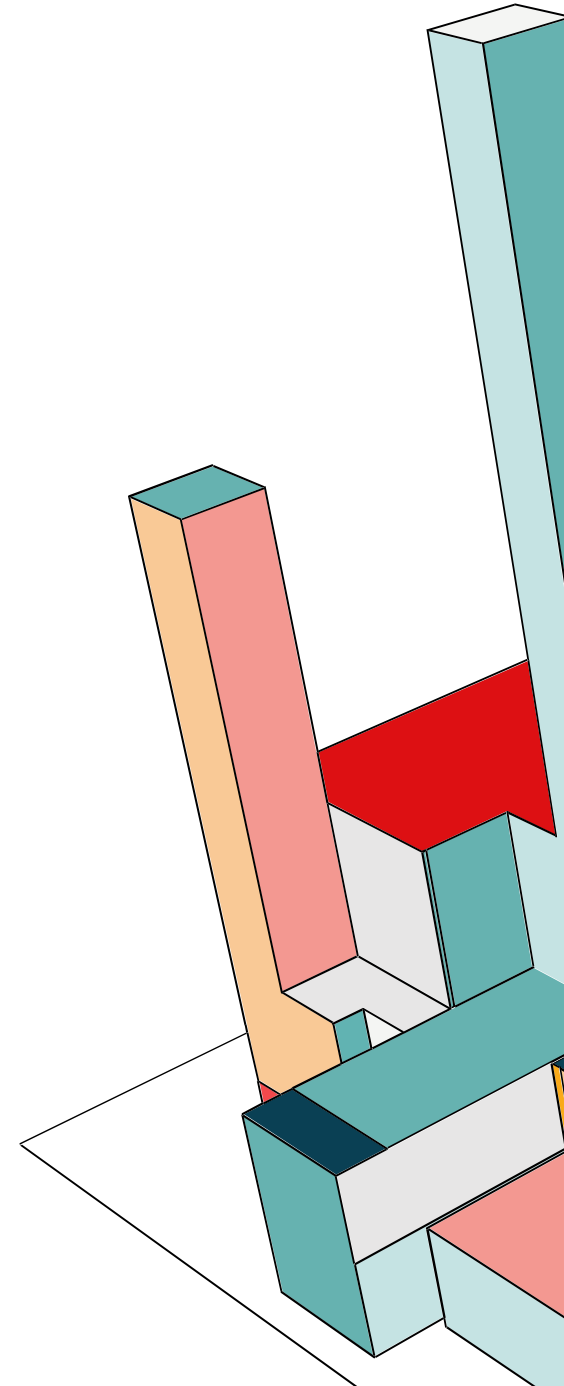
WHAT IS A TRANSITION SENTENCE?

- Transitions help you to achieve writing goals by establishing logical connections between sentences, paragraphs, and sections of your papers.
- In other words, transitions tell readers what to do with the information you present to them.
- Whether single words, quick phrases, or full sentences, they function as signs that tell readers how to think about, organize, and react to old and new ideas as they read through what you have written.
- Transitions provide the reader with directions for how to piece together your ideas into a logically coherent argument.



SIGNS YOU MAY NEED TO WORK ON YOUR TRANSITIONS

- Your instructor has written comments like “choppy,” “jumpy,” “abrupt,” “flow,” “need signposts,” or “how is this related?” on your papers.
- Your readers (instructors, friends, or classmates) tell you that they had trouble following your organization or train of thought.
- You tend to write the way you think—and your brain often jumps from one idea to another pretty quickly.
- You wrote your paper in several discrete “chunks” and then pasted them together.
- You are working on a group paper; the draft you are working on was created by pasting pieces of several people’s writing together.



HOW TO START WRITING TRANSITIONS

Organization

- Make sure your paper is organized in a way that is easy to follow and understand
- In the margins of your draft, summarize in a word or short phrase what each paragraph is about or how it fits into your analysis as a whole.

Types of Transitions

- Transitions between sections
- Transitions between paragraphs
- Transitions within the same paragraph

TRANSITIONAL PHRASES

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP	TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSION
Similarity	Also; in the same way; just as...so too; likewise; similarly
Exception/Contrast	But; however; in spite of; on the one hand...on the other hand; nevertheless; nonetheless; notwithstanding; in contrast; on the contrary; still yet
Sequence/ Order	First, second, third;...next, then, finally
Time	After; afterward; at last; before; currently; during; earlier; immediately; later; meanwhile; now; recently; simultaneously; subsequently, then
Example	For example; for instance; namely; specifically; to illustrate
Emphasis	Even; indeed; in fact; of course; truly

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP	TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSION
Place/Position	Above; adjacent; below; beyond; here; in front; in back; nearby; there
Cause and Effect	Accordingly; consequently; hence; so; therefore; thus
Additional Support or Evidence	Additionally; again; also; and; as well; besides; equally important; further; furthermore; in addition; moreover; then
Conclusion/Summary	Finally; in a word; in brief; briefly; in conclusion; in the end; in the final analysis; on the whole; thus; to conclude; to summarize; in sum; to sum up; in summary

FOR MORE INFORMATION/MY SOURCE

1. <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/transitions/>
2. The UNC Chapel Hill Writing Center