



Using Transition Words to Link Opinions and Reasons

Today's Standard

4.W.1c - Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive essay; Creating a debate speech; Composing opinion pieces for a school newspaper; Developing a blog post that presents an argument; Crafting a letter to the editor

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use words like 'for instance' and 'in addition' to link our opinions with reasons. This helps make our writing clearer and more convincing.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think any word can be a transition, but that's not true. We need specific words to link ideas. Also, transitions aren't just for the start of sentences; they can be used throughout.

Quiz Me

- What is a transition word?
- Can you give an example of a transition word?
- Why do we use transition words?
- Where can you use transition words in a sentence?
- Can 'and' be a transition word? Why or why not?

Help Me

We use words like 'for instance' and 'in addition' to connect our opinions with reasons. This makes our writing easier to understand. For example, if you say you like ice cream, you might add 'for instance, it tastes good' to explain why.