

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Using Transition Words and Phrases**

## Today's Standard

7.W.3c - Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a personal narrative; Crafting a historical fiction story; Creating a timeline of events in an essay; Writing a script for a play or movie; Developing a journal entry with multiple events

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use transition words and phrases to make writing clearer. These words help link ideas and show when things happen.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think that using a lot of transition words makes writing better, but it's more important to choose the right ones. Also, transition words can go in different parts of a sentence, not just at the beginning.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a transition word?
- Can you name a transition word?
- Why do we use transition words?
- Where can we put transition words in a sentence?
- Can you give an example of a sentence with a transition word?

## Help Me

Transition words help us understand the order of events in writing. For example, 'first', 'next', and 'finally' show what happens in a story. Using these words makes writing easier to follow.