

Parent Guide to the Standards

## Transition Words and Phrases

## Today's Standard

8.W.3c - Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a personal narrative that includes time shifts.; Creating a historical account that uses transitions to show chronological order.; Developing a fictional story with clear transitions between different settings.

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using transition words and phrases in writing. These words help connect ideas and make stories easier to follow.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some students think transitions are only needed at the start of paragraphs, but they can be used anywhere. Others use too many transitions, which can make writing confusing.

## Quiz Me

- What are transition words?
- Why do we use transitions?
- Can you give an example of a transition word?
- Where can transitions be used in a paragraph?
- What happens if you use too many transitions?

## Help Me

Transition words help connect ideas in writing. For example, when telling a story, you might use 'then' to show what happens next. This makes your story easier to understand.