

Quotation "Dos"	Quotation "Don'ts"
Do try to work quoted material into	Don't "announce" quoted material.
your sentence.	This quote shows that
At this moment, Whitney knew she	This means that
was "destined for greatness" (54).	On page 43 it says
	In chapter five the author says
Do eliminate irrelevant material using an ellipsis.  Original: The girl, the one with very brown hair, will be delivering the speech.  Modified: Matt declared that "The girlwill be delivering the speech" (447).	Don't make quoted material its own sentence. All quotes must have leadins.  Wrong: They were all shocked. "The windmill was in ruins" (71).  At this moment, Whitney knew that "she was destined for greatness" (54).
Do use brackets to indicate changes you made to make the sentence clear.  Original: He demonstrated his anger toward the city council.  Modified: "[Mayor George Smith]  demonstrated his anger toward the city council"(33).	Don't use quotes to merely repeat and support plot points or just for the sake of having a quote; the quotes should support an <i>analysis</i> .  Piggy gives him the glasses to "light the fire" (17).  Piggy showed that others were coming by saying, "There's one!" (14).
Do use a colon to separate your complete sentence lead-ins from quoted material.  Mollie shows her disdain for the new state of things: "She refused to learn any but the six letters which spelled her own name" (40).	Don't combine complete sentence lead-ins and complete sentence quotes with only a comma; it creates a comma splice.  Jack represents malevolence and maliciousness throughout the novel, "You're talking too muchShut up, Fatty"(18).
Do use a comma for brief introductions.  As the animals recall, "there was a definite ruling against beds" (79).	Don't create fragments. Your quote, with its lead-in, must be a grammatically correct sentence.  Wrong: Terence says, "And I myself a sterling lad" (34).  Right: Terence calls himself "s sterling lad" (34).

## Do remember to correctly cite quoted material. See Below...

- 1. Always end your exact words with a page number. "exact words" (3).
- 2. If a quote ends with a question mark or exclamation point, then put that punctuation before the quotation marks, to make sure the intended emotion is retained.

During their phone conversation, Toby's father tries to win Toby over by saying, "I've made some mistakes . . . . We all have. But that's behind us. Right, Tober?" (211).

3. If there is a quote <u>within</u> the quote you are using, then use single quotation marks to set off the inner quote.

When Lena shows Ying-Ying around her new house, Ying-Ying complains that "the slant of the floor makes her feel as if she is 'running down'" (Tan 163).

4. When quoting poetry, cite line numbers, not page numbers. Also, use a slash mark (/) to designate line break..

Anglelou's call "Shine on me, sunshine / Rain on me, rain / Fall softly, dewdrops" (15-17) conveys her desire to shift away from the monotony of housework.

Think about the statement you're trying to make.

- Use evidence from the text (exact words).
- Explain how they prove your topic sentence/thesis statement.

#### Example #1:

At first, Juliet had doubts about their future. She tells Romeo that the marriage is "too rash, too unadvised, too sudden" (645). Juliet's hesitation illustrates her impressive foresight; she is able to see the possible consequences to their hasty actions.

#### Example #2:

Terence, in an effort to counter his friend's complaint about the mournful nature of his poetry, reminds him, "There's brisker pipes than poetry" (16). His ironic suggestion to turn to liquor suggests his attitude that people look to both poetry and alcohol for the wrong reasons.

## Verbs to use when analyzing a text (literature)

Illustrates, Demonstrates, Explains, Reveals, Describes, Depicts, Expresses, Conveys, Establishes, Portrays, Represents, Characterizes, Suggests, Indicates, Signifies, Proves, Clarifies, Exemplifies

Try to use one or more of these words in your essay:

Miss Brill ritualistically removes her Fox from its box, *conveying* that the fox is more than just a fur; it is symbolic of ......

The protagonist's idyllic memories of childhood, of a world full of "Acts of faith," (indicate, suggest, reveal).....

# The Academic Writing Help Centre Transition Words

Transition words show the relationship between ideas, within a sentence or between sentences and paragraphs.

## Common transition word categories

#### Similarity/Addition

Adds information that agrees with, reinforces, or contributes to a previous idea.

likewise also
furthermore as well
moreover similarly
further in fact
additionally again
equally important indeed
in the same way in addition

#### Qualification

Adds a condition to the idea; sets limits or boundaries for the idea; considers possible opposition

for the most part sometimes generally granted often considering ordinarily of course usually admittedly rarely unfortunately occasionally fortunately

#### Introduction

Brings an idea into the discussion.

firstly with regard to to begin primarily in the first place similarly initially regarding as for concerning in the case of when it comes to

#### **Emphasis**

Places more importance on the idea, drawing the reader's focus.

notably in fact
most significantly specifically
primarily in particular
particularly most importantly
above all essentially
most of all certainly

#### Contrast

Establishes an opposition between ideas; often leads to a conclusion or decision between them.

although despite conversely however even so instead even if though irrespective whereas nevertheless while notwithstanding still. yet on the contrary regardless rather on the one hand on the other hand

#### Sequence and causation

Establishes an order for ideas; shows how one idea follows from another.

first thus second therefore third then consequently hence subsequently next as a result before accordingly for this reason since because

#### Conclusion

Shows that the discussion of an idea is complete.

finally to conclude
ultimately in conclusion
in the end in summary
in any case to sum up
therefore without a doubt
thus regardless

#### Exemplification

Introduces an example of a previous idea.

to illustrate take a look at for instance such as for example one such an example would be in one such case in this case

## **Choosing transition words**

- Think about the relationship you want to convey.
  - What is the connection between this sentence and the sentence or paragraph before it?
  - What do you want the reader to understand about the relationship between them?
- Select a category and a word within that category which best conveys that information.
  - If the relationship is too complex to explain with just one word, try using a whole phrase or even a whole
  - Avoid repetition; use different transition words in the same category if necessary.
- Remember that transition words can change the whole meaning of a sentence.
  - The wrong transition word can make a sentence confusing or even nonsensical.

## Placing transition words

There are three options for placing transition words:

- The beginning of a sentence
  - This emphasizes the relationship between the ideas, by making the transition word the focus for the reader.
- The middle of a sentence (after a particular word or idea)
  - Emphasizes the preceding idea or word.
  - Useful when introducing an idea for the first time.
- The end of a sentence.
  - De-emphasizes the relationship and emphasizes the preceding idea.
  - Least common placement for transition words; use carefully.

### Example (with transitions):

When it comes to tech support, there is often a script that employees follow to deal with common problems. First, they suggest that you turn your device off and then turn it back on; finally, if the problem is still there, they will actually try to solve it.

In fact, this does usually solve the problem, although it can be frustrating if you know there's a real issue - for example, if you've already tried restarting your device, and it didn't work. Above all, try to remember that tech support is ultimately just as frustrating for the support staff on the other end of the phone as it is for you!

#### Example (with no transitions):

There is a script that tech support employees follow to deal with common problems. They suggest that you turn your device off and turn it back on. If the problem is still there, they will actually try to solve it.

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