Linking Ideas with Transition Words

**Why are Linking Words and Phrases important?**

* They introduce new ideas.
* They connect key information (facts and details) in our writing by showing:
	+ Time order • Compare and Contrast
	+ Examples • Emphasis
	+ Additional information • Conclusions

**Directions:** Based on the other transitions in the passage, choose a good transition word to use in each blank. Circle the best transition and write it on the line.

1. Each winter, my family and I choose a location to visit for a family trip. We love to travel!

 , we think about what activities we could do in each place. We try to find

First Next

things that we would all enjoy. , we check out flights and hotels to see if

Also Then

there are any great deals. , we choose a destination and begin planning

Finally However

specific details.

1. Exercise is something that people do for physical wellness. , exercise

For example In addition

provides benefits to our mental health. Exercise is done for many reasons. , it

For example But

helps reduce stress, increase weight loss, and strengthen muscles. Many people enjoy the act of

exercising. health benefit of exercise is that it helps us to sleep better. Sleep,

Another Also

healthy food choices, and exercises are all part of a positive lifestyle. , the

And In conclusion

health benefits of exercise can improve a person’s life.

1. Imagine a cafeteria in which all students could sit wherever they wanted, regardless of class.

 , some students may wish to choose their seats. , some

On one hand After On the other hand Also

students may rather have assigned seats. I believe that we should be able to choose our own seats.

 , students would be able to talk to their friends at lunch instead of during the

As a result To begin

teacher’s lesson. , choosing seats at lunch would allow students to make new

In conclusion Also

friends. , school is about both academic learning as well as social learning.

Finally To start

 , we should pick our own seats.

Then To conclude

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