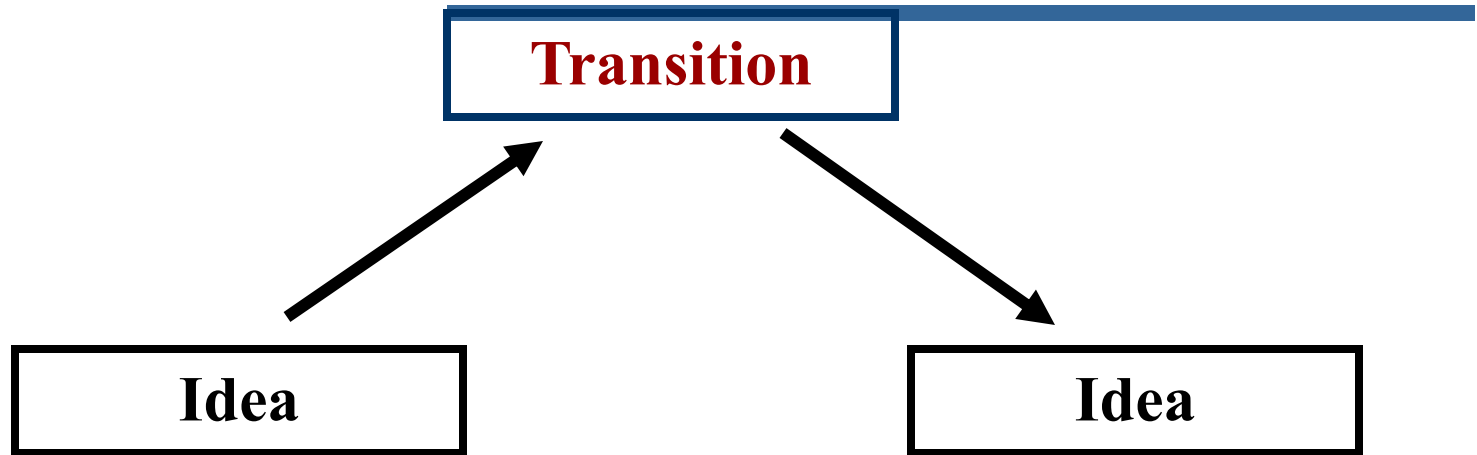
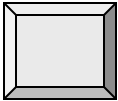


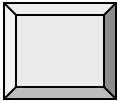
# Using Transitions



# Transitions

Look at the two groups of sentences below.  
Which sentences read more smoothly? Click on  
an answer below.

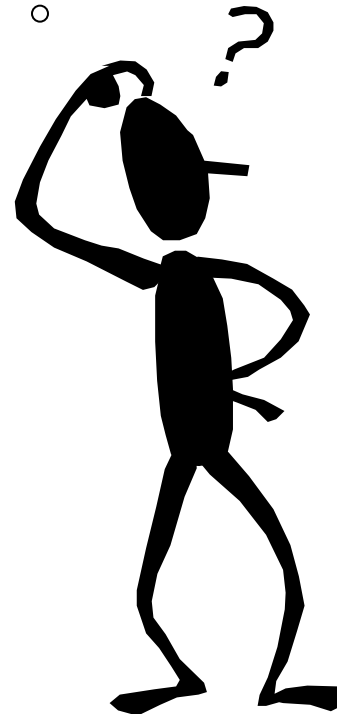
 My friend, Marcos, loves to play sports and is very athletic.  
He has won a scholarship to play football at a university next  
year.

 My friend, Marcos, loves to play sports and is very athletic.  
In fact, he has won a scholarship to play football at a  
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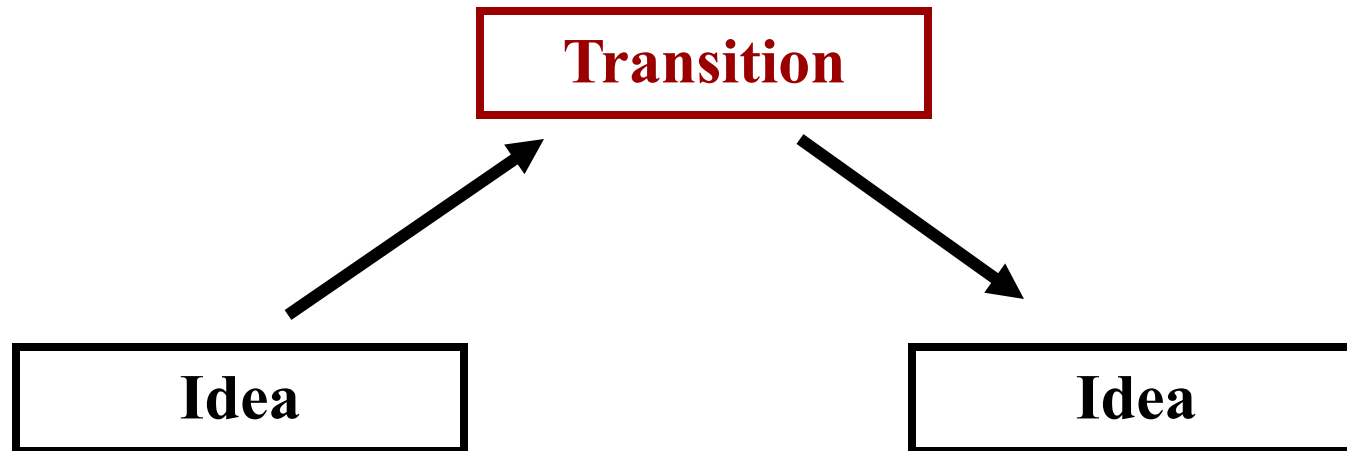
# Transitions

**What are  
transition words?**

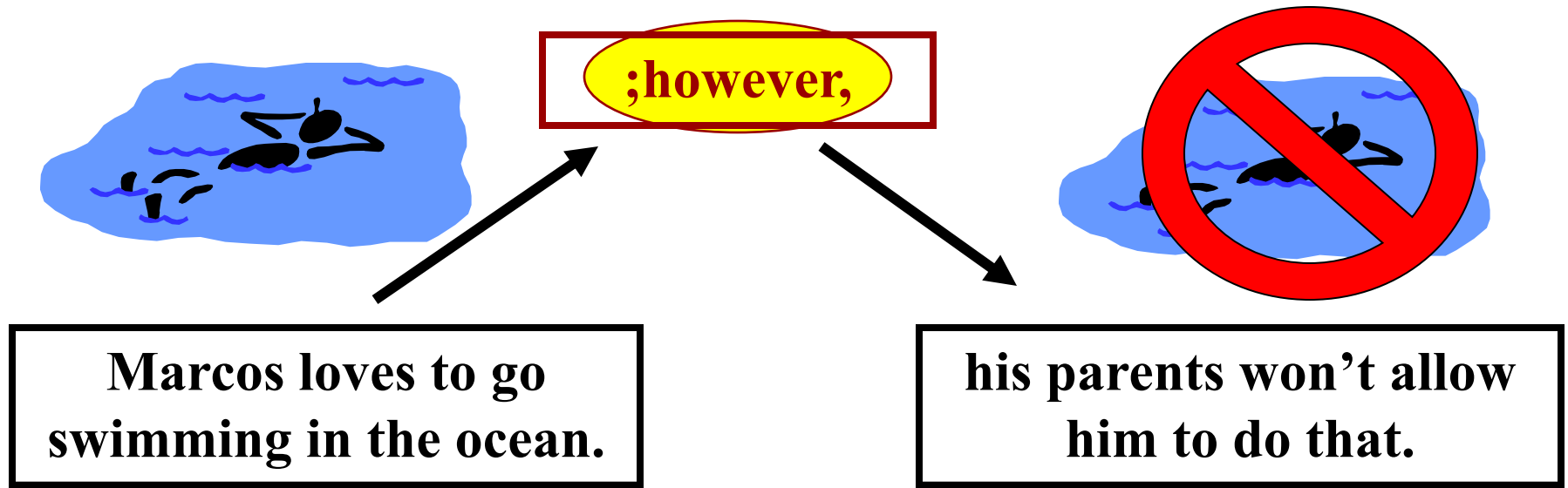


# Transitions

A transition word directly tells the reader the logical relationship between one idea and another idea.



# Example



The transition, ***however***, tells the reader that the logical relationship between the two ideas is contrast.



# Transitions

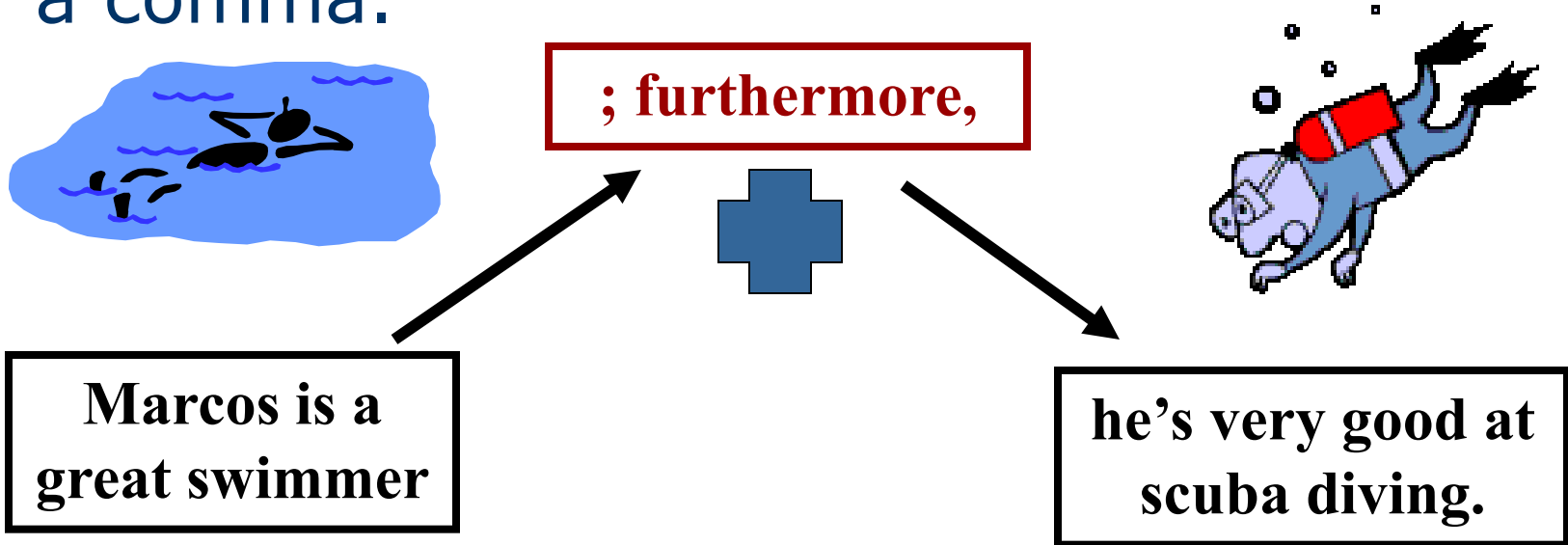
Transitions are words that help make your writing more coherent. They create connections between:

- **one clause and another clause**
- **one sentence and another sentence**
- **one group of sentences and the next group of sentences**



# Joining Two Independent Clauses

One way of joining *two independent clauses* is with a semicolon, a transition, and a comma.



Marcos is a great swimmer ;furthermore, he's very good at scuba diving.



# Connecting Two Sentences

You can use a transition and comma to tell the reader the logical relationship between *two sentences*.



**In fact,**



Marcos is very athletic.

he plays three sports at school.

Marcos is very athletic. **In fact,** he plays three sports at school.





# Placement of Transition

Rather than placing the transition at the beginning of the second sentence, you may place it in the middle of the second sentence after the subject with two commas.

Marcos is very athletic.

**transition**

**subject**

He, **in fact**, plays three sports at school.



# Transitions in Longer Writing

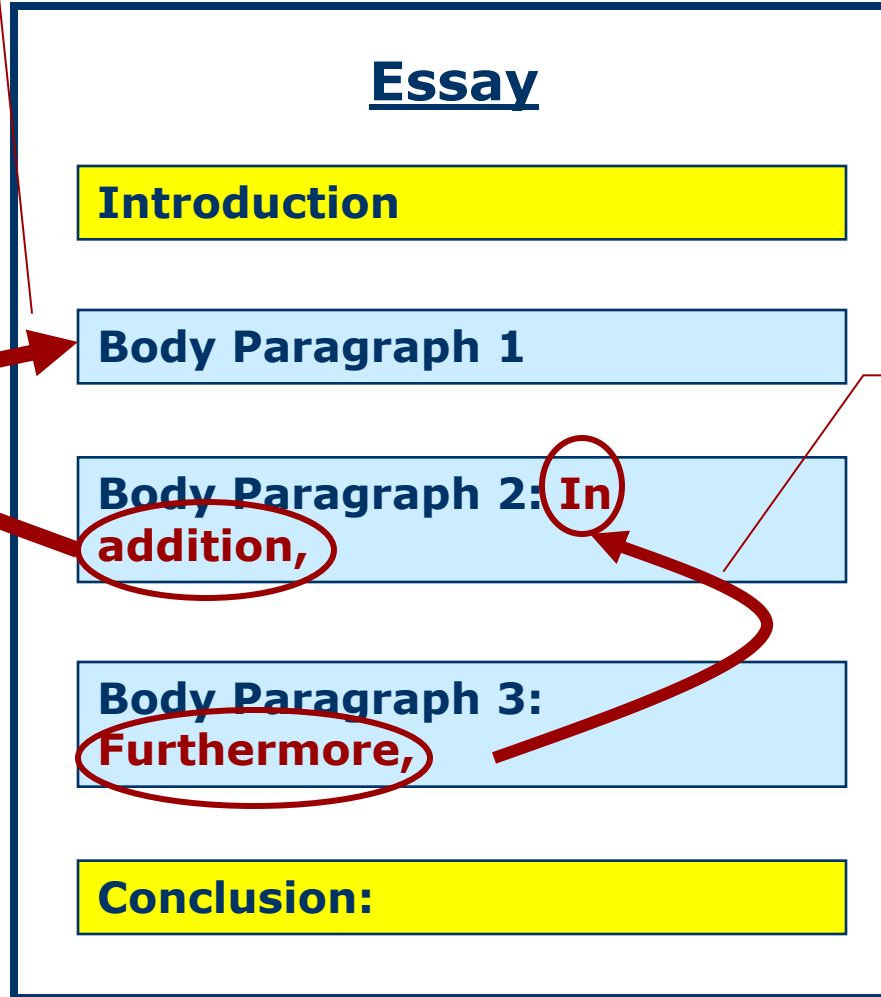
When writing a paragraph or a larger piece of writing, you can use a transition to show the reader the logical relationship between one group of sentences and another group of sentences.

This is useful when you want to let the reader know that you are changing from one idea to another idea.



# Example- Longer Piece of Writing

**Transition connects ideas in paragraph 2 to ideas in paragraph 1.**



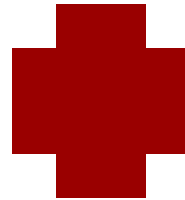
**Transition connects ideas in paragraph 3 to ideas in paragraph 2.**



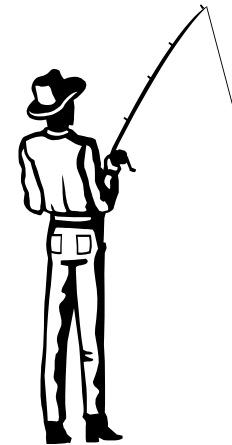
# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Addition	Moreover Furthermore In addition besides

**Marcos loves to ski**



**he likes to fish.**



**;*moreover,***  
**;*furthermore,***  
**;*in addition,***  
**;*besides,***



# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Reinforcement/Emphasis	Indeed In fact

**Marcos plays basketball**

The transition and second clause reemphasize the first clause.

**;in fact,**  
**;indeed,**

**he plays every Saturday.**



# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Exemplification	For example For instance In particular

**Marcos enjoys outdoor sports**

The second clause is more specific than the first.

**;for example,  
;for instance,  
;in particular,**

**he likes hiking, skiing, and fishing.**



# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>	
Contrast	However In contrast	On the contrary On the other hand

**Marcos enjoys scuba diving**

**;on the other hand,  
;however,  
;on the contrary,  
;in contrast,**

**I think it is an expensive sport.**



# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>	
Result or Effect	Consequently Thus Therefore	Accordingly Hence As a result

**Marcos broke his leg**



**;thus,  
;consequently,  
;therefore,  
;hence,  
;as a result,  
;accordingly,**

**he can't play basketball.**





# Types of Transitions

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Time	Meanwhile (at the same time) Subsequently (after) Thereafter (after)

Marcos scored a goal

**;subsequently,  
;thereafter,**

his team won the game.



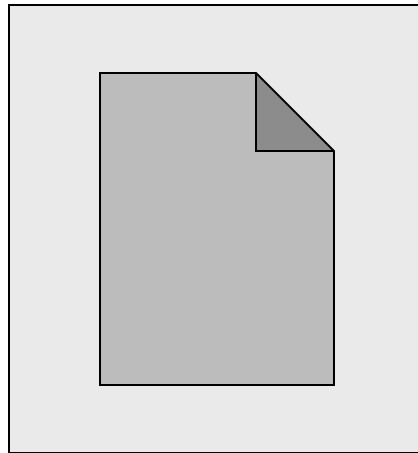
**after**



# Practice Exercises



Now you are ready to practice what you've learned. Click the link below to return to Unit D. Print and complete the Practice Exercise on transitions. Check your answers with a tutor.



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