

Ah, Those Transitions

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Connecting Ideas



Write
On!

What are transitions and how are they used?

- Transition words and phrases help make clear connections between ideas and see that sentences and paragraphs flow together smoothly, making them easier to read.



Transition words:

- Provide more information
- Provide an example
- Provide a cause or reason
- Provide a result or an effect
- Provide a purpose or reason
- Provide a comparison or contrast
- Provide a sequence
- Provide a summary
- Provide a conclusion



Transition words that provide more information

- Besides
- Furthermore
- In addition
- Indeed
- In fact
- Moreover
- Second
- Third



Transition words that provide an example

- For example
- For instance
- In particular
- Particularly
- Specifically
- To demonstrate
- To illustrate



Transition words that provide a cause or reason

- As
- Because
- Because of
- Due to
- For
- For the reason that
- Since



Transition words that provide a result or an effect

- Accordingly
- Finally
- Consequently
- Hence
- So
- Therefore
- Thus



Transition words that provide a purpose or reason

- For fear that
- In the hope that
- In order to
- So
- So that
- With this in mind



Transition words that provide a comparison or contrast

- Although
- However
- In comparison
- In contrast
- Likewise
- Nevertheless
- On the other hand
- Similarly
- Whereas
- Yet



Transition words that provide a sequence

- After
- Before
- Currently
- During
- Eventually
- Finally
- First,...Second,..., etc.
- Formerly
- Immediately
- Initially
- Lastly
- Later
- Meanwhile
- Next
- Previously
- Simultaneously
- Soon
- Subsequently



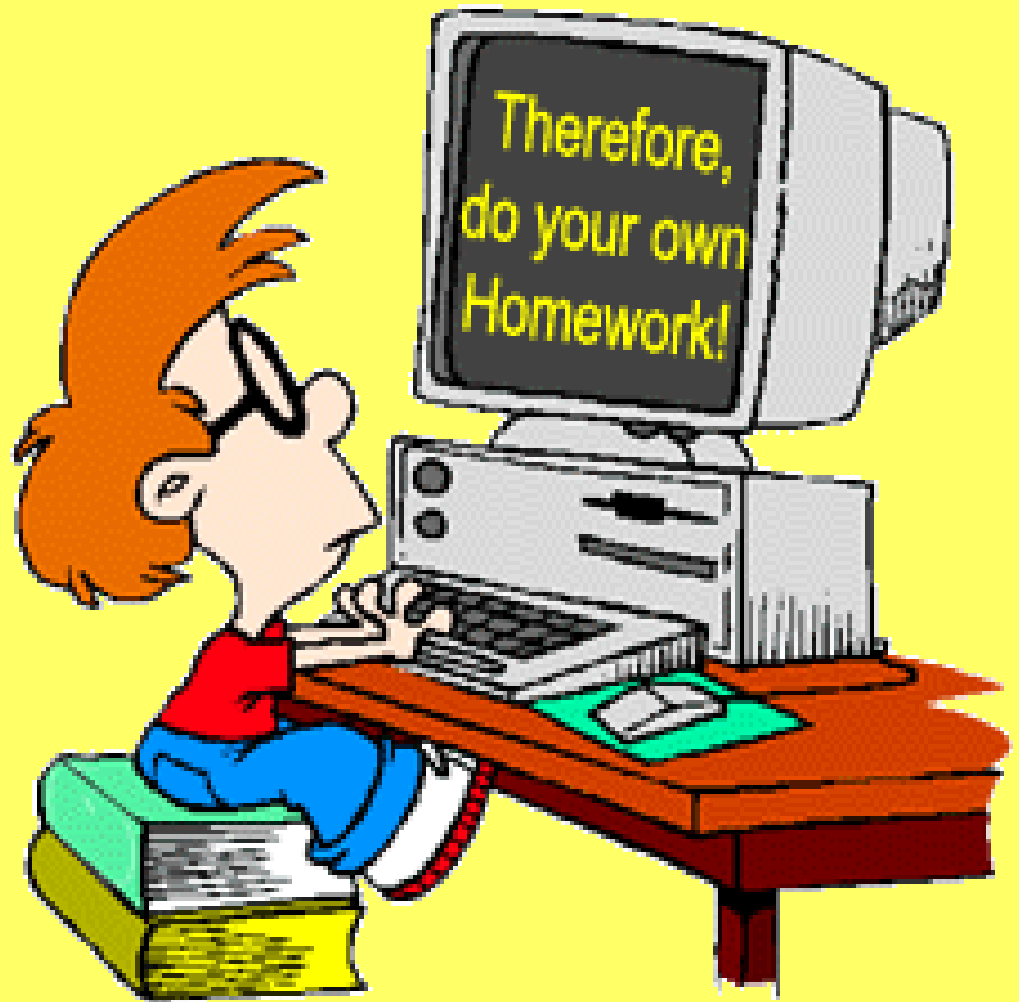
Transition words that provide a summary

- Briefly
- In brief
- Overall
- Summing up
- To put it briefly
- To sum up
- To summarize



Transition words that provide a conclusion

- Given these facts
- Hence
- In conclusion
- So
- Thus
- To conclude
- Therefore



Ready for a Quiz ?

- How much do you know about using transition words? Take the Quiz and find out.

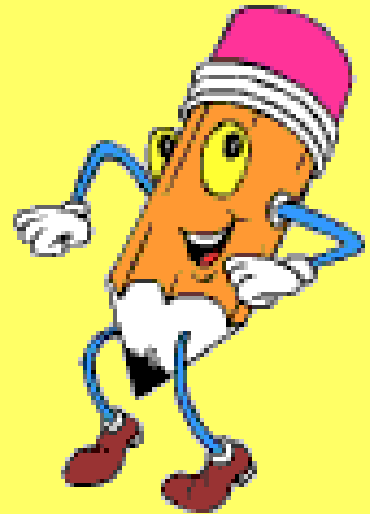
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Can you transition?

- Choose a transition word to complete the following sentences.



Choose the best transition

- I love to write essays for school. _____, I really enjoy receiving large amounts of homework from my teachers.

Nevertheless

In fact

Due to

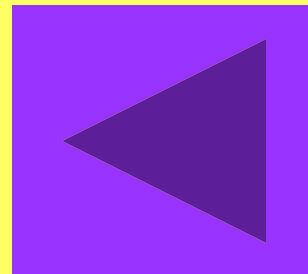


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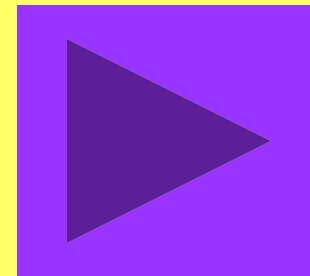
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Choose the best transition

- _____ working as the president of the United States, George Bush loves to ride horses.

Eventually
Likewise
In addition to

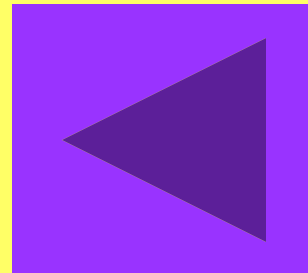


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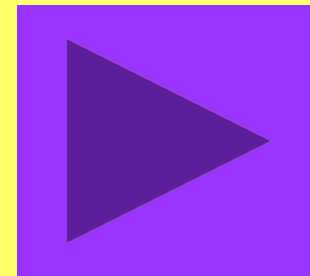
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Choose the best transition

- _____ I do enjoy cooking as a hobby, I will not prepare all the food for your party.

On the other hand

Although

To put it briefly

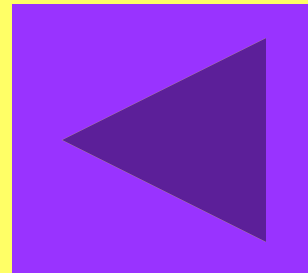


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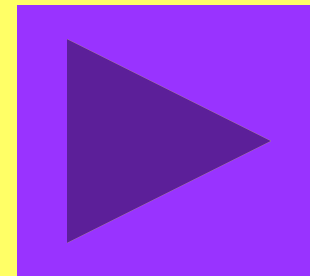
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Choose the best transition

- _____ I promised to go to school today, I stayed home to watch television.



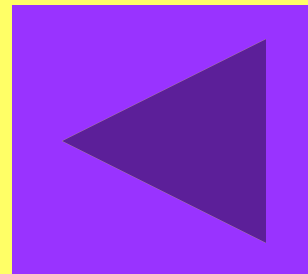
Currently
Indeed
Although

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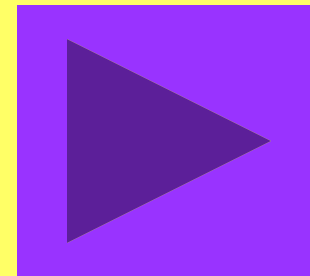
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Choose the best transition

- _____ Jack's going up the hill to fetch a pail of water, he returned home with an empty bucket.



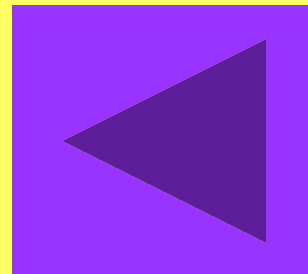
Meanwhile
With this in mind
Whereas

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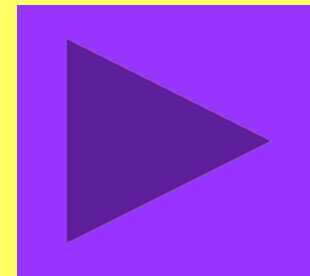
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Choose the best transition

- _____ to make my writing very clear, I will learn how to use transitional words.

Previously
Therefore
For fear that

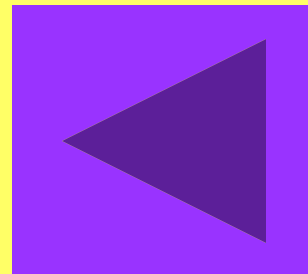


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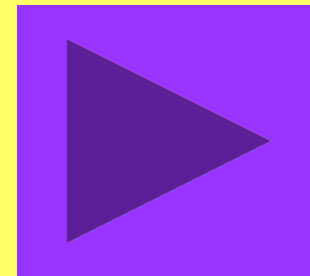
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Choose the best transition

- _____ people believed the earth was flat.

With this in mind
Eventually
In hopes that

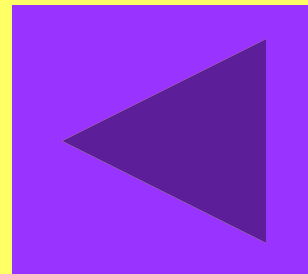


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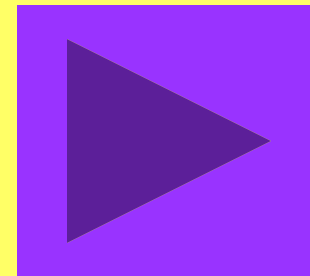
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Choose the best transition

- Things were pretty dull.
_____ the families of our neighborhood were excited about the people who moved into the Blake's house.

To put it briefly

Since

Consequently

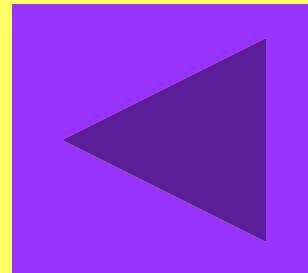


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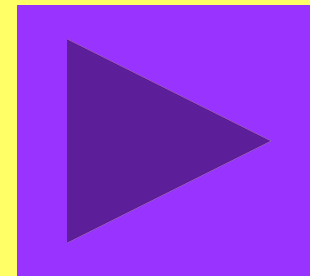
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Choose the best transition

- _____ they learned their the new student was from California.

Eventually
Overall
To demonstrate

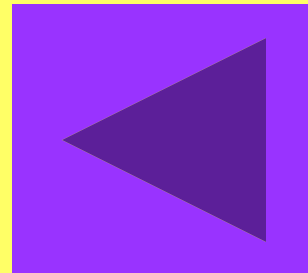


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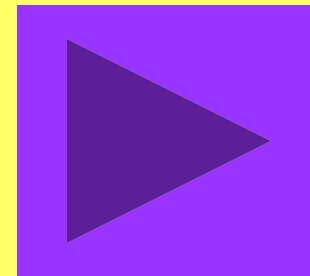
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Choose the best transition

- Polls show that the Beatles are the most popular singing group of this century. _____ , there are country music fans who would disagree.

In particular
However
For instance

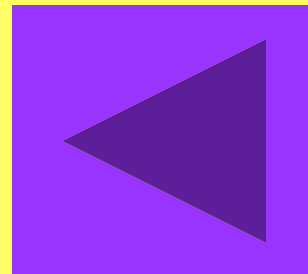


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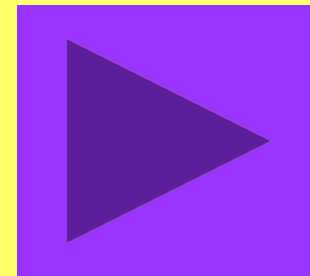
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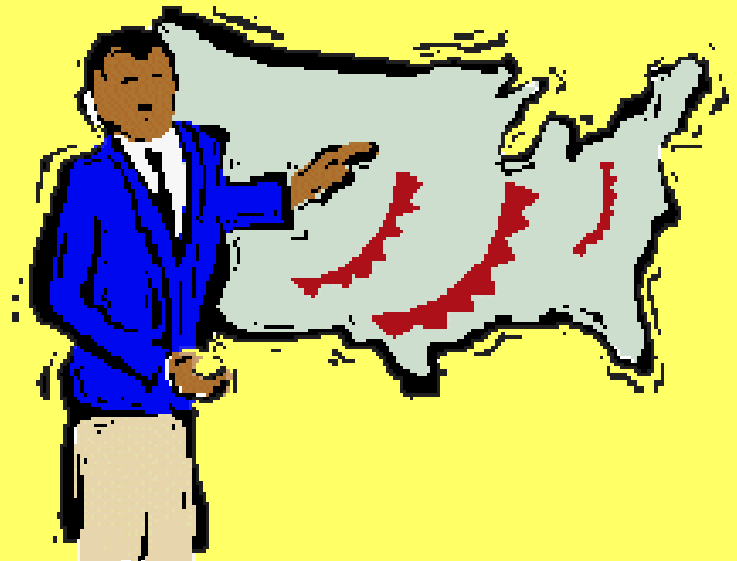
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- There are some slight variations in climate, but

_____ mild

winters can be expected in the South.

consequently
otherwise
as a rule

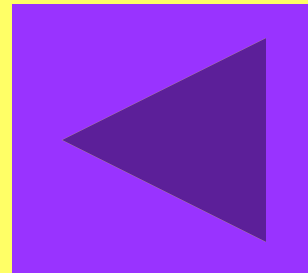


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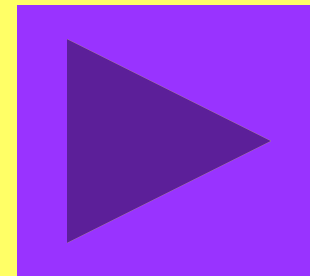
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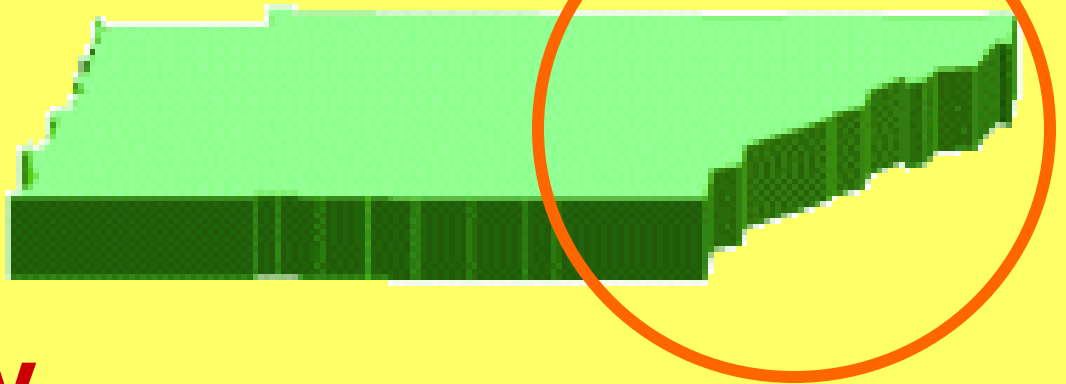
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Choose the best transition

- The two larger cities, _____ Knoxville and Chattanooga, are in East Tennessee.

finally
namely
in summary

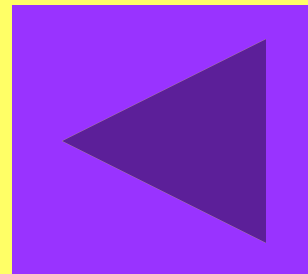


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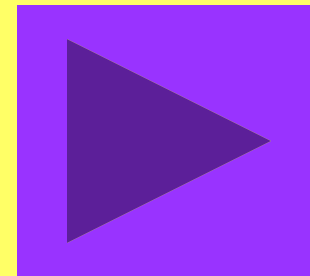
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Choose the best transition

- It was announced that teachers' working hours would be longer than other professions.

_____, even fewer new teachers are expected to join the profession.

As a result

So that

Likewise

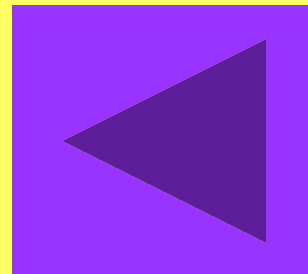


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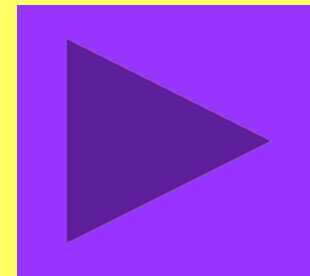
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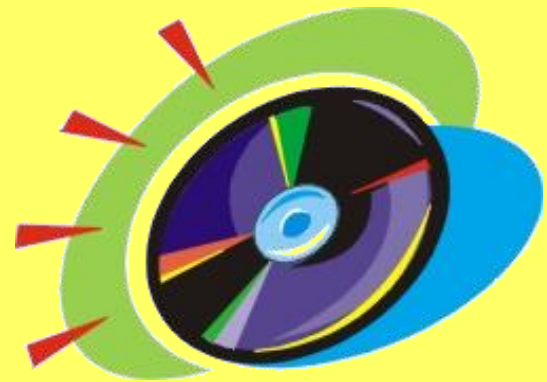
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Choose the best transition

- Sales of cassettes have dropped over the past 12 months.
_____, CDs have seen an increase in sales.

Above all
Correspondingly
In contrast

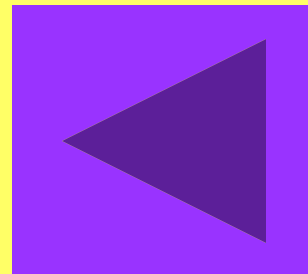


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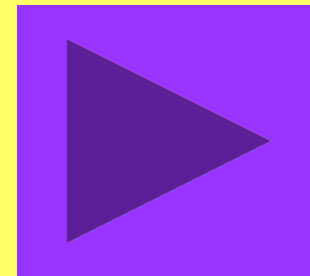
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Choose the best transition

- The mayor explained that tax collection was down, it would be necessary to freeze salaries at their current level. _____ , no-one was getting a pay rise.

Nevertheless

In other words

Similarly

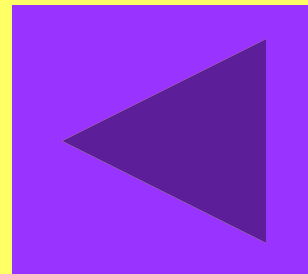


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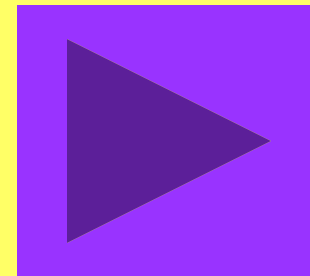
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Choose the best transition

- It is clear, therefore, that Robert's grades in English will improve only slowly due to his hard work.

_____ the problems he is experiencing in algebra, the outlook is slightly less optimistic.

Furthermore

In comparison

With reference to

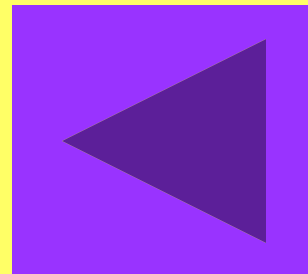


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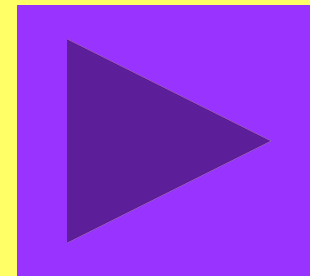
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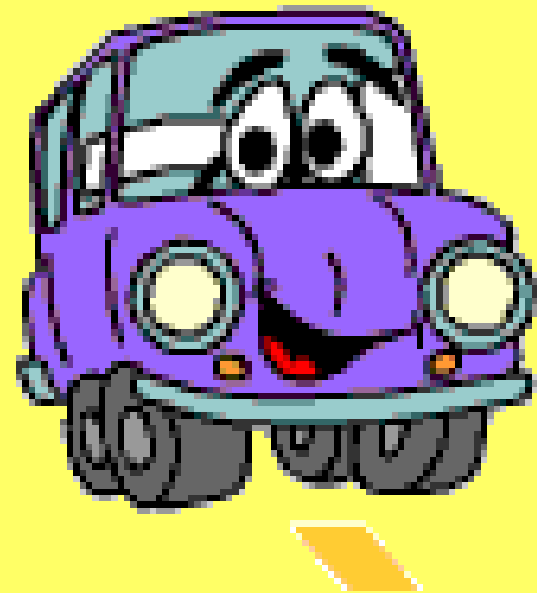
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Choose the best transition

- In order to try to reduce car use in the inner cities, the government has announced new restrictions and, _____, a new tax on individual car use.

as well as
in addition
in the same way

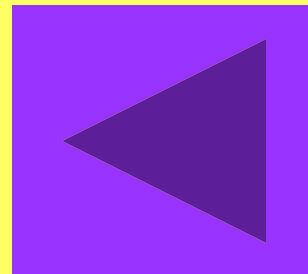


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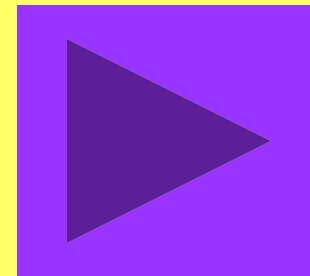
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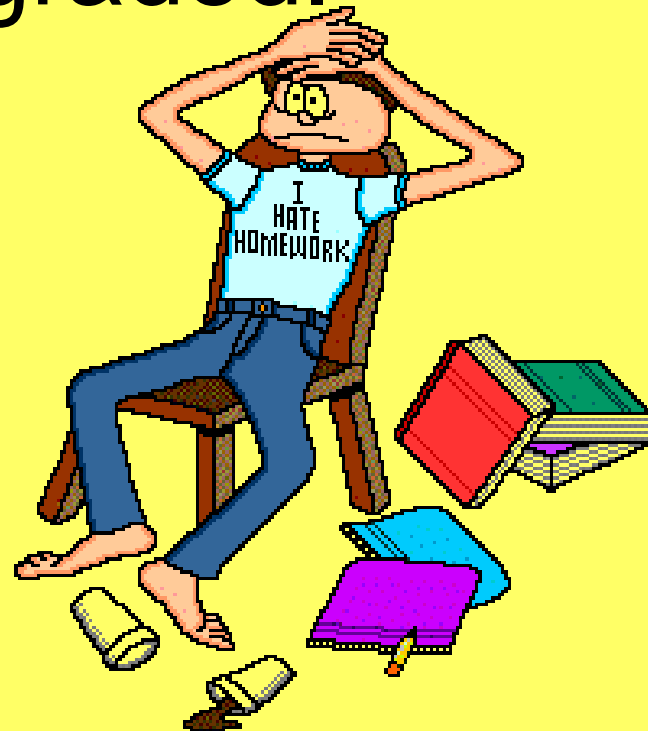
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Choose the best transition

- Homework must be handed in by the deadline, _____ they will not be graded.

obviously
otherwise
as a result

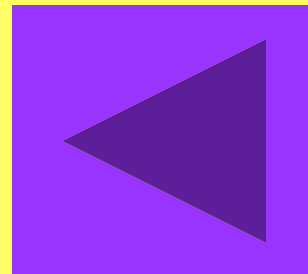


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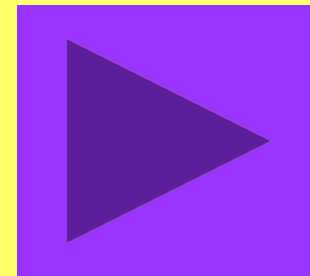
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Choose the best transition

- _____ it has been shown that many accidents occur on motorcycles, the use of helmets should be required.

Nevertheless
Because
Even though

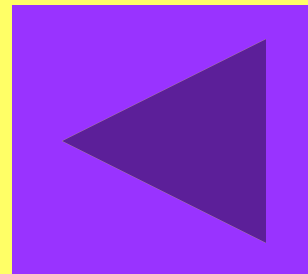


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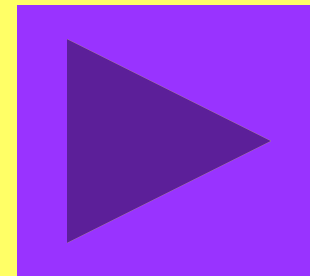
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