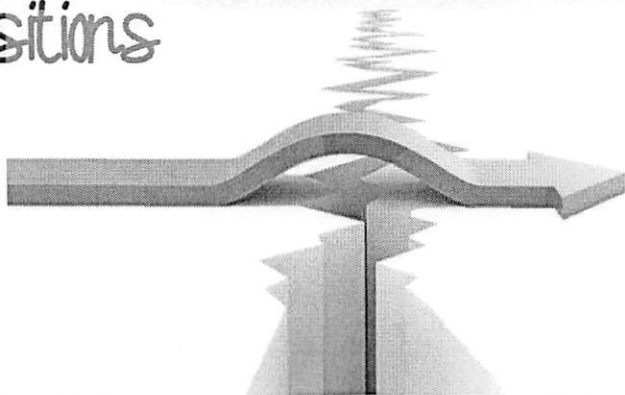


USING Transitions

Transition words and phrases are like bridges that connect the story elements. They help move the plot sequence smoothly, they show setting and time shifts, and they emphasize important plot details.



<i>Show Location</i>	around	near	south of	north of	beneath
	by	throughout	east of	against	close to
	beyond	between	west of	alongside	toward
	inside	along	among	outside	over

<i>Show Time and Sequence</i>			
at the beginning	at the end	yesterday	the next day
in the morning	in the afternoon	in the evening	later
in the past	in the future	the earliest	recently
at first	first	second	after
immediately	afterward	finally	when
before	during	after	meanwhile

<i>Show Emphasis and Importance</i>		
the best	for this reason	especially
the most important	surprisingly	truly
the least important	equally important	suddenly

Try it! Add transitions to the following passage.

I learned the hard way that animals are extremely protective of their young.
 _____ I decided to take photos of the geese at the lake.
 _____ the first bridge, I noticed a family of two large geese and
 six goslings. _____ they were ignoring me, and I snapped lots
 of shots. _____, the largest goose started charging after me.
 _____ I realized that I shouldn't have gotten too close.

TIP Find a place in your narrative that could be made more clear by using a transition word or phrase.