

Grammar Explanation

Choosing transitional expressions (*however, in contrast*)

- Transitional expressions are used to show the relationship between ideas in separate independent clauses. Use a period or semicolon between the two independent clauses; in addition, don't forget to use a comma after the transitional expression.
 - Example: *The law promises to provide equal opportunities to all. **However,** personal prejudice and institutional bias interfere with the application of the law.*
 - Example: *The law promises to provide equal opportunities to all; **however,** personal prejudice and institutional bias interfere with the application of the law.*
- Examples of transitional expressions have been grouped together in the chart below according to the purpose they serve. Please note that this is not a complete chart.

To add ideas:	To state a result:
In addition, ... Moreover, ... Furthermore, ...	Therefore, ... As a result, ... Consequently, ...
To compare ideas:	To make a concession:
Similarly, ... Likewise, ... In the same way, ...	Nevertheless, ... Despite this, ... Even so, ...
To contrast ideas:	To place emphasis:
However, ... On the other hand, ... Conversely, ...	In fact, ... Actually, ... Indeed, ...

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