

Transitional Words and Phrases for Personal Narratives

Transitions signal to your reader that there is a shift in scene, location, and/or time. Transitions can help tie your personal narrative together, moving your story along from sentence to sentence and paragraph to paragraph.

Refer to this list while writing your personal narratives, using transitions that make sense in your story.

As	In the meantime
At first	Just then
At last	Last
After	Later on
After that	Meanwhile
After a while	Next
After _____ hours/minutes	Now
As soon as	Once
Before	Right after
Before long	Since
During	Suddenly
Immediately	Soon after
Initially	When
In an instant	Whenever