

# Transitions

**Transitions** are words or phrases that show a relationship between events or ideas. They help the reader by linking sentences or paragraphs. Examples of three common types of transitions are shown below.

**Time** first, then, next, before, finally, at last, later, meanwhile, afterward

**Place** above, below, beside, here, next to, near, there, opposite

**Comparison and Contrast** however, but, too, and, on the other hand, like

**Directions** Choose a transition word or phrase from the box to complete the story. Write your answers on the lines below. Use each word or phrase only once. Capitalize words that begin sentences.

afterward   first   finally   next to   however   at last   opposite   then

Seaman, the Newfoundland dog, could hardly believe his eyes. (1) Hundreds of squirrels were swimming \_\_\_ the boat in the river. (2) They were heading for the \_\_\_ bank. Seaman wanted to catch the squirrels. (3) \_\_\_ his master was talking to some of the men. Seaman barked loudly. (4) \_\_\_ his master turned around and saw the squirrels.

“Go get them, Seaman,” he said.

Seaman sprang off the boat into the river. (5) \_\_\_ he caught a squirrel. (6) \_\_\_ he brought it back to the boat in triumph. He kept on diving in and bringing back squirrels. (7) \_\_\_ there was a pile of squirrels on the boat. (8) \_\_\_ the men fried the squirrels. They were delicious!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_