

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! **Possible answers:**

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| 1. <u>next to</u> | 5. <u>First</u> |
| 2. <u>opposite</u> | 6. <u>Then</u> |
| 3. <u>However,</u> | 7. <u>Finally or At last</u> |
| 4. <u>At last or Finally</u> | 8. <u>Afterward</u> |