

Transitions of Contradiction/Opposition

Transition words are used in a sentence to connect two ideas. They join clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or entire sections of writing together to show a relationship between them. Different transition words signal different kinds of relationships. One kind of relationship that transition words can signal between ideas is contradiction or opposition. The words and phrases below signal to readers that two ideas are going to be opposed or contradictory.



DIRECTIONS: Practice using and varying transitions of contradiction/opposition by rewriting the sentences below, using a different transition to connect them each time.

Tina is a good student. Her brother is a poor student.

In contrast	
In spite of	
In reality	
But	
Although	
Instead	
Despite	
Nevertheless	
Regardless	

Does the meaning of the sentences change at all as you change the transition word? Explain your answer.