

# *Writing Transitions*

*News Writing*

# TODAY

*We will understand* **what a transitional phrase is** *and the options for how to write them.*

*I will* **write four different types of transitional phrases** *based off a set of reporter notes.*

# ON YOUR OWN

*Read the following information. What was confusing about each transition between quotes?*

“I was upset they canceled Rock the City because of the fire,” barber Bob Furrables said. “This is my favorite event all year.”

“The concert has all my favorite people and I’m bummed I won’t get to see them until next year; it’s not fair,” ticket holder Ian Thoosiest said.

The concert usually sees 100,000 attendees, cheering on their favorite bands as a fundraiser. This news was heartbreaking for those considering going their first time.

“The city is just embezzling all that money,” longtime attendee Gray Beard said. “I’ve seen it myself.”

# ON YOUR OWN

*Read the following information. What was confusing about each transition between quotes?*

*The first quote switch was likely confusing because **you thought it was the same person talking** until you saw the attribution because **it lacked a transition.***

*The second **transition did not connect to the quote.** It set you up to hear one thing, but you heard another.*

# ***WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED***

1. **Transitions should link to quotes or informational paragraphs that follow *without repeating the quote.***
2. ***Transitions* can be facts and information, paraphrased quotes, historical context, and/or filled with small details *that help paint a picture for a reader.***
3. ***Transitions* should not be paraphrased quotes that would have been better as a direct quote.**