

Transitions Between Paragraphs

********Underlined below are examples of sentence transitions between paragraphs. If you use these properly, you can get advanced.***

Although my grandparents didn't give me many material things, the lessons they gave me shaped me into the person I am today. They taught me to think of consequence before I acted, to help others, and to save money.

Most children learn to think of consequences of their actions because of punishments. While I was growing up, every time I did something wrong I got a lecture, grounded, or got whacked. Because of this, I had to determine if it was worth doing something that I wasn't supposed to be doing. As I got older, consequences weren't enough to stop me when I really wanted to do something so I became a really good planner. I had to figure out ways I could get away with doing something and not get caught. To this day, I still plan ahead to get things accomplished and think of the consequences of my actions.

A consequence I always think about is not having any savings in case something bad happens. Growing up during the Depression and war years, my grandparent learned to do without a lot of things. They passed this on to me by only getting me things I needed instead everything I wanted. If I wanted something I had to save for it. When I got my allowance, two dollars a week, I had to budget it out and if I really wanted something, it took a long time to save up enough to buy it. When I got my paper route, I put most of the earnings in a savings account for something I might need later. When that need came along, I had enough money to buy my first car! This desire to save for a rainy day really paid off when my daughter came into my life.

My grandmother always talked about "doing your duty" when it came to family. She took my sister and me in when things were going bad with my mom because it was her "duty" to help her family. This shaped me into a person that took in my wife's niece as a foster child when things weren't going well in her family and eventually adopting her to give her a better life- the same thing my grandparents did for me. When I pick my basketball teams, I keep a player that should be cut because of grades or a crappy attitude because of the desire to help others become successful.

********Underlined below are the basic transitions between paragraphs. If you use these, you will be proficient.***

First, my grandparents taught me to think of the consequences before I do something. While I was growing up, every time I did something wrong I got a lecture, grounded, or got spanked. Because of this, I had to determine if it was worth doing something that I wasn't supposed to be doing. As I got older, consequences weren't enough to stop me when I really wanted to do something so I became a really good planner. I had to figure out ways I could get away with doing something and not get caught. To this day, I still think of the consequences of my actions and plan ahead to get things accomplished.

Next, they taught me to save money. Growing up during the Depression and the war years, my grandparent learned to do without a lot of things. They passed this on to me by only getting me things I needed instead everything I wanted. If I wanted something I had to save for it. When I got my allowance, two dollars a week, I had to budget it out and if I really wanted something, it took a long time to save up enough to buy it. When I got my paper route, I put most of the earnings in a savings account for something I might need later. When that need came along, I had enough money to buy my first car!

Finally, they taught me to help others. My grandmother always talked about "doing your duty" when it came to family. She took my sister and me in when things were going bad with my mom because it was her "duty" to help her family. This shaped me into a person that took in my wife's niece as a foster child when things weren't going well in her family and eventually adopting her to give her a better life- the same thing my grandparents did for me. When I coach my basketball teams, I keep one spot open for a player that should be cut because of grades or a crappy attitude because of this desire to help others become successful.