



Creating Fluency and Variety

FOUR STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING YOUR WRITING

- Transitions
- Repeating Key Words & Phrases
- Parallelism
- Sentence Variety

•TRANSITIONS

Good writers use a variety of transitions in every paragraph.

❖ Transitions improve the flow between individual sentences in a paragraph.

❖ Use a transition at the start of your second and third body paragraphs to connect them smoothly.



REPEATING KEY WORDS AND PHRASES

Good writers use repetition, just like songwriters, poets, and public speakers do.

❖ When using repetition, use a key word or phrase, something significant.

Example: Integrity is a vital component of any **community** and its citizens. In fact, a **community** may actually deteriorate over time due to a lack of **morals** and values. It is these **moral** standards that ensure decency and honesty.



PARALLELISM

Careful writers ensure they used consistency in any list or compound sentence part. Parallel sentence parts create balance, rhythm, and flow.

Non-parallel: Integrity encourages people to act with honesty, compassion, and loyal.

Parallel: Integrity encourages people to act with honesty, compassion, and loyalty. (list of three nouns)



SENTENCE VARIETY

Good writers use a variety of sentence structures in every paragraph.

❖ Do not limit your writing to a string of simple sentences.

❖ After two or three longer sentences, include a simple sentence of only five to six words. The contrast will regain the reader's attention.

