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**Transition Practice**

Sometimes sentences and paragraphs have perfectly constructed grammar, punctuation, and usage, but they lack transitional words or phrases. Material written that way seems awkward and stiff, as in this example:

**The blind date was more than a disaster. It was a complete debacle. I was intrigued by what my “friend” Sarah had told me about Bill; she had said that he was quite charming and was open to meeting someone new. He had recently seen me at a party and had wanted to meet me. Sarah said Bill was just my type. She said that he was an avid reader; we would have lots to talk about. He liked playing tennis; that was a plus for me. I had an earlier vow never to go out on another blind date. I agreed to meet Bill.**

**Use the transition words on the next page to improve the flow of the paragraph by filling in the blanks in the revision below.**

**The blind date was more than a disaster.** Click here to enter text. **it was a complete debacle.** Click here to enter text. **I was intrigued by what my “friend” Sarah had told me about Bill;** Click here to enter text. **she had said that he was quite charming and** Click here to enter text. **was open to meeting someone new. She said he had recently seen me in the distance at a party and had wanted to meet me. Sarah said Bill was just my type. She said that he was an avid reader;** Click here to enter text. **we would have lots to talk about.** Click here to enter text. **he liked playing tennis; that was** Click here to enter text. **a plus for me.** Click here to enter text. **my earlier vow never to go out on another blind date, I** Click here to enter text. **agreed to meet Bill.**

**Much better, isn’t it? By including the transitions, the movement from one idea to another is much smoother, and the language of the paragraph has some life in it.**