

Transition Words

Transition words help your text flow, and show readers the relationship between phrases and paragraphs. Transition words connect ideas and sentences.

To practice how to use these words, fill in the blank with words from the word box, that make sense. Sometimes there will only be one word that will work, and other times, a number of options will work.

Order

Following
At this time
Previously
First/ firstly
Second/ secondly
Third/ thirdly
Finally
Subsequently
Above all
Before
Last but not least
First and foremost

Dog Evolution

-----, dogs are descended from the gray wolf, domesticated about 12,000-130,000 years ago.

-----, some wolves became domesticated by nomadic hunters (according to one theory), or already evolved from wolves, and humans domesticated this new variant. -----, it's important to understand how dogs evolve – either through natural selection, or selective breeding.

-----, when a dog has a litter of puppies, one (or some) of them, might have some advantage (being stronger, smaller, bigger, etc). -----, this advantage helps them survive, and make families of their own one day.

-----, the pattern continues, until -----, the offspring from one litter eventually look so different from another litter from a different 'dog', that we see a new 'breed' emerge. ----- wolf evolution into dogs, dogs then evolved into a variety of different breeds. There were, -----, some very ancient dog breeds, such as the Greenland Sled Dog, Norwegian Elkhound, Akita Inu, Afghan Hound, and Basenji). ----- the emergence of these breeds, more breeds emerged, such as the Husky, and the Malamute.

-----, as humanity progressed, so too did selective breeding, and more dog breeds were bred into existence, especially during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. -----, dog breeders experimented with different physical characteristics in dogs, and created such new breeds as Bull Terriers and Boxers. -----, in our current time period, we see new breeds emerging such as miniature toy breeds, and mixes such as Golden Doodles intended to be anti-shedding. -----, the most recent breed to be added to the American Kennel Club is a breed known as the 'Biewer Terrier', which descends from the Yorkshire Terrier.

