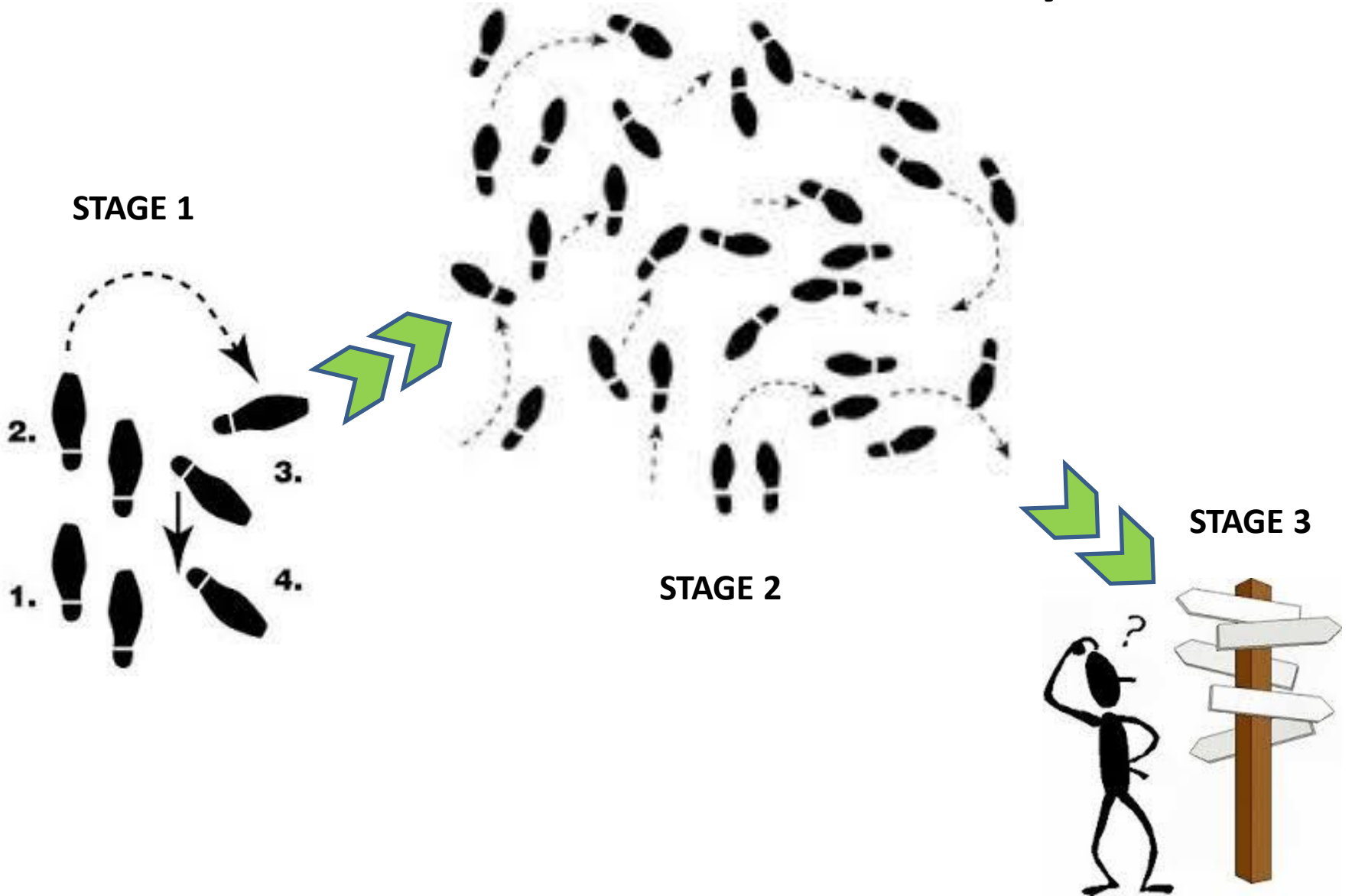


Transitions and Feedback

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THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!



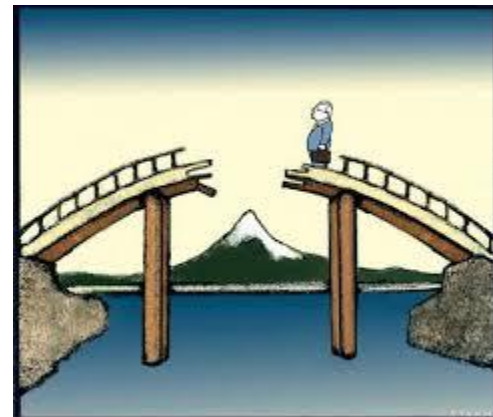
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- Unclear about purpose/direction
- Unsure about what comes next



READER PERSPECTIVE

- Unclear about purpose/direction
- Unsure about why comes next



Transitions: Signposts to the Mind



Transitions signal connections

- Explicit
 - Words and phrases
 - Tell you “go this way”
- Implicit
 - Patterns of coherence
 - Meaning and direction are inferred

Patterns of Organization

- In *A Writer's Reference*, Diana Hacker talks about "patterns of organization"
- When you have a pattern:
 - (Writer) You can predict what will come next
 - (Reader) You can understand where you were coming from

examples and illustrations	narration	description
process	comparison and contrast	chronology
cause and effect		

**Type of pattern can determine
type of transition**

Explicit Transitions

(modified from Diana Hacker, *A Writer's Reference*)

- **To show addition:** again, and, also, besides, equally important, first (second, etc.), further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, moreover, next, too
- **To give examples:** for example, for instance, in fact, specifically, that is, to illustrate, even, namely, specifically,
- **To compare:** also, in the same manner, likewise, similarly
- **To contrast:** although, and yet, at the same time, but, despite, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, though, yet
- **To concede:** granted, naturally, of course
- **To generalize:** as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually
- **To emphasize:** certainly, indeed, in fact, of course
- **To summarize or conclude:** all in all, in conclusion, in other words, in short, in summary, on the whole, that is, therefore, to sum up
- **To show time:** after, afterward, as, as long as, as soon as, at last, before, during, earlier, finally, formerly, immediately, later, meanwhile, next, since, shortly, subsequently, then, thereafter, until, when, while, once
- **To show place or direction:** above, below, beyond, close, elsewhere, farther on, here, nearby, opposite, to the left (north, etc.)
- **To indicate logical relationship (cause and effect, etc.):** accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this reason, hence, if, otherwise, since, so, then, therefore, thus

Exercise: Cinderella

- Cinderella moved in with her wicked step-mother after her mother died.
 - Then her father died.
 - Then her wicked stepmother took over.
 - Then Cinderella knew how much more her step-mother liked her step-sisters.
 - Then her stepmother told her to clean the chimney.
- Cinderella moved in with her wicked step-mother after her mother died.
 - Furthermore, her father died.
 - At the same time, her wicked stepmother took over.
 - For the most part, Cinderella knew how much more her step-mother liked her step-sisters.
 - However, her stepmother told her to clean the chimney.
- Cinderella moved in with her wicked step-mother after her mother died.
 - Also, her father died.
 - As a result, her wicked stepmother took over.
 - Of course, Cinderella knew how much more her step-mother liked her step-sisters.
 - Her stepmother even told her to clean the chimney.

What does each of these stories mean (connotation)?

What do you expect to happen next?

Implicit Transitions

INFERRED RELATIONSHIPS CREATED BY:

- Using topic sentences
- Repeating key words and phrases
- Creating parallel structure
- Being consistent in POV, tense, and number
- Moving from old to new information

Topic Sentence

- A piece of analysis, NOT a summary
- Can connect one paragraph to another paragraph
- Should connect all sentences in the paragraph
- Example: **SCIENTISTS HAVE LEARNED TO SUPPLEMENT THE SENSE OF SIGHT IN NUMEROUS WAYS.**



Topic Sentence/Repetition

- SCIENTISTS HAVE LEARNED TO *SUPPLEMENT THE SENSE OF SIGHT* IN NUMEROUS WAYS. In front of the tiny pupil of the eye they put, on Mount Palomar, a great monacle 200 inches in diameter, and with it *see 2000 times farther* into the depths of space. Or they look through a small pair of lenses arranged as a microscope into a drop of water or blood, and *magnify by* as much as *2000 diameters* the living creatures there, many of which are among man's most dangerous enemies. Or, if we want to *see distant happenings* on earth, they use some of the previously wasted electromagnetic waves to carry television images which they re-create as light by whipping tiny crystals on a screen with electrons in a vacuum. Or they can bring happenings of long ago and far away as colored motion pictures, by arranging silver atoms and color-absorbing molecules to force light waves into the patterns of original reality. Or if we want to *see into the center of a steel casting* or the chest of an injured child, they send the information on a beam of penetrating short-wave X rays, and then convert it back into images we can see on a screen or photograph. **THUS ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION YET DISCOVERED HAS BEEN USED TO *EXTEND OUR SENSE OF SIGHT* IN SOME WAY.**

George Harrison, "Faith and the Scientist"

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- Found within a paragraph or paragraphs
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 - Once defined, use the same word
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MACRO

**DON'T BE AFRAID OF
COMMITMENT!**

Parallel Structure

- Two or more phrases or sentences each:
 - Use same grammatical structure
 - Use same parts of speech (noun, verb, conjunction, etc.)
- Sentences easier to read because of pattern
- Pattern easier to see because of flow

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Exercise: Identifying Transitions

- Examine the paragraph below. Identify the occasions when the writer uses
 - Parallel structure
 - Repetition of key words/phrases
 - Transitional words

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Old to New Information

- Between sentences
 - Pronouns
 - Transitions
- **Between paragraphs**
 - Stronger transitions
 - Repeating key words/phrases
 - Move away from transitions that can connect any paragraph to any other paragraph
 - Write transitions that can only connect one specific paragraph to another specific paragraph
- **Example:** Amy Tan became a famous author after her novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, skyrocketed up the bestseller list.
- There are other things to note about Tan as well. Amy Tan also participates in the satirical garage band the Rock Bottom Reminders with Stephen King and Dave Barry.
- **Revision:** Amy Tan became a famous author after her novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, skyrocketed up the bestseller list.
- Though her fiction is well known, her work with the satirical garage band the Rock Bottom Reminders receives far less publicity.

Old to New Information

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- These impressive profits are largely due to the corporation's expanded international influence.

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- But then something else significant happened. The Swedish intervention began.
- **Revision:** Fearing for the loss of Danish lands, Christian IV signed the Treaty of Lubeck, effectively ending the Danish phase of the 30 Years War.
- Shortly after Danish forces withdrew, the Swedish intervention began.