**Remember to Make the Abstract Concrete**

**Transitions:** Use transitions to achieve coherence between paragraphs.

* All of the techniques for achieving coherence within paragraphs can be used to establish the same kinds of relationships between paragraphs. Especially useful for this purpose are transitional words or phrases and repetition of key words or their synonyms.
* To indicate explicitly how one paragraph is related to another, use an appropriate transitional word or expression. A partial list is given below.

**to list** - first, second, next, last

**to indicate time sequence** - before, previously, now, later, meanwhile, then, afterward

**to establish a spatial relationship** - below, above, along, beside, beneath, behind, in front

**to amplify** - that is, in fact, in other words

**to exemplify** - for example, for instance

**to establish a logical relationship** - therefore, consequently, thus, as a result, for, in order to

**to add information** - and, also, too, in addition, furthermore, moreover

**to compare** - similarly, likewise

**to contrast** - but, however, on the other hand, conversely, nevertheless