This is a great strategy to create a better answer for constructed response and short answer questions for ALL subjects and grade levels.

**The Better Answers Writing Strategy**

- Restate part of the question and include a gist (general answer) in the first sentence.
- Provide evidence for my answer (at least 2 details and/or connections) and use a transition word or phrase in each sentence.
- Close by referring to the question again.

### Transitions words that can be used when writing a Better Answers!

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| - first, second, third  
- at first, to begin with; next, also, then, furthermore; at last, finally, at the end, most importantly  
- before, in the meantime, shortly after | - for example, for instance, in fact, for one thing, for another thing, in particular, to illustrate | - that is why...  
- that is how...  
- for these reasons...  
- in conclusion...  
- in other words...  
- to conclude...  
- in summary... |

**Similarities/likenesses**

- in the same way, like, likewise, similarly

**Contrast/differences**

- however, in contrast, on the other hand, otherwise, unlike, despite this