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There are several types of transitional devices, and each leads readers to make certain connections or assumptions. Some lead readers forward and imply the building of an idea, while others make readers compare ideas or draw conclusions.