**Activity:** Keep your Writing Organized!

1. Watch the video. Write a paragraph answering the following question: **Why does Steve Carell want to be kid vice-president?**
2. How could you have re-written your paragraph to make it even better than it already is?
3. Re-write your paragraph using transitions, including time-order words.

(4) Use the following time-order words to fill in the blanks in the paragraph below.

first next finally after

second third to begin

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I packed my suitcase to get ready for my trip. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I drove to the

airport hoping that the airport would not be busy. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I got on the plane and was

on my way to Florida. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, my parents picked me up from the airport.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I arrived at my house and was excited to spend time with my family for

Thanksgiving. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was time to leave because my trip was over. I headed back

to Nashville to be with all of you!

(5) Use the following transitions and fill in the blanks in the paragraph below. There is not necessarily one correct way to complete this. Several transitions may be acceptable to use in a blank.

therefore furthermore in conclusion in contrast for example

in addition as a result however also during

though

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class, the students were not listening very well. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the

students were continuously talking to one another. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the student lost a letter

in the class points competition. They were not very happy about this; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

that is the consequence for not behaving properly in class. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this group’s

behavior, the other classes were listening very well. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they did not lose a

letter. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to their good behavior, the students were on-task and doing their

work. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, before I even said anything, the students had their materials out on

their desks. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they continued this good behavior for several days.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the day went pretty well. I noticed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that we can get a lot

more done when the students cooperate.

**Transitional Words (Compare/Contrast)**

(contrast words)

conversely on the contrary

on the other hand yet

however in contrast

instead whereas

nevertheless

(compare words)

likewise furthermore

also by the same token

moreover in the same way

similarly as well as

both