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Transition Exercise II.

From the situation and two quotes provided, create a series of direct quotes and transition paragraphs.

Begin your piece with the following opening sentence:

Two thirds of adolescents have tried tobacco by age 18, and high school students who say they smoke cigarettes regularly say they began as early as sixth grade, Principal Juanita Gomez said.

Now, write the rest of the story using the two quotes provided.

Situation: This story involves a middle school's outreach program to help teenage smokers outgrow a dangerous adult habit.

Quotes:

JUANITA GOMEZ, PRINCIPAL

"We know that the younger children are when they start smoking, the more likely they are to become smokers, and heavier smokers as adults. The health consequences of smoking are well documented, so preventing tobacco use among young people can significantly reduce the long-term health consequences.

"Rather than catching smokers and punishing them, we decided to try to see what we could to get them to stop. So we began the "Hi! I. Q. Club," which means "Hi. I Quit Smoking." I liked the positive connotation of IQ. It means, "Yeah. You're smart. You quit smoking."

"The bottom line is to teach students that they have control over their habits. We try to uncover the reasons why they smoke and then channel those motivations in less harmful directions. A lot of time, students say they smoke to relieve stress. So we pay a lot of attention to helping them reduce stress."

MEGAN OSGOOD, SOPHOMORE

"I started smoking to look older, more mature, like my sister, who's a senior. But I found that cigarettes also calmed me down and I didn't eat so much. I joined the "Hi! I. Q. Club" because I once coughed up some blood, and I think that is a bad sign."