Words with the Prefix trans-

In “The Hummingbird That Lived Through Winter,” William Saroyan says the bird went through a transformation. Trans- means “across,” “through,” or “change.” In this case, the bird changed from sick to healthy. This exercise focuses on words that have the prefix trans-.

Draw a line from each word on the left to its definition on the right.

1. transplant A a marked change, usually for the better
2. transformation B a device that controls the flow of electric current
3. transportation C to uproot and change the location of
4. transparent D the act or means of moving people or things
5. transcontinental E to write or say in a different language
6. translate F an exchange of goods, services, or money
7. transaction G something that one can see through
8. transition H to send across from one place to another
9. transmit I across a continent
10. transistor J a change from one form or place to another

Challenge

Look up these words in a dictionary: transcend, transcribe, transient, and transpose. Use these words, along with as many of the words from above as you wish, to create a crossword puzzle. Trade puzzles with a classmate and solve them.