



Useful Transition Words

An important part of writing is transitioning from one thought to another. The list below will help you to make articulate and clear transitions in your writing.

To Add or Continue: additionally, also, and, again, and then, besides, clearly then, consequently, equally important, following this further, finally, further, furthermore, in addition, in the light of the... it is easy to see that, in the same way lastly, moreover, nor, next, what's more, first (second, etc.), too

To Compare: after all, although, although this may be true but, balanced against, by comparison, but, compared to, conversely, however, on the other hand, on the contrary, nevertheless, vis a vis, meanwhile, in contrast, up against, where, whereas, yet

To Continue a Line of Reasoning: and, because, beside, furthermore, moreover, pursuing this further

To Emphasize: absolutely, always, definitely, emphatically, eternally, extremely, forever, in fact, indeed, in any case, naturally, never, obviously, perennially, positively, surprisingly, undeniably, unquestionably, without a doubt, without reservation

To Give an Example: for example, for instance, in this case, in this situation, in another case, on this occasion, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration

To Prove: because, besides, evidently, for, for the same reason, furthermore, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, moreover, obviously, since, that is

To Show Exception: despite, however, in spite of, nevertheless, of course, once in a while, sometimes, still, yet

To Show Sequence: A, B, C, and so forth. first, second, third, and so forth. after, afterward, and then, at this point, at this time, before this, concurrently, consequently, finally, following this, hence, next, now, previously, simultaneously, soon, subsequently, then, therefore, thus

To Show Time: after a few hours, and then, finally, formerly, first (second, etc.), immediately, later, next, previously, soon, then, thereafter

To Summarize or Conclude: accordingly, as a result, as I have shown, as I have said, consequently, hence, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, summing up, therefore, to conclude, thus,

To Repeat: as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted, in brief

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http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_transition.html