

Transition Words & Phrases

Transitions indicate relations whether from sentence to sentence, or from paragraph to paragraph. Transitional words and phrases help papers read more smoothly by providing coherence. A coherent paper allows the reader to flow from the first supporting point to the last.

ADDITION

again	first	likewise
also	for instance	moreover
and	for example	next
and then	further	nor
as well	furthermore	secondly
besides	in addition	thirdly
equally important	last	too
finally	lastly	

COMPARISON

as	in like manner	likewise
also	in the same way	similarly

CONTRAST

after all	although	notwithstanding
and yet	even though	on the contrary
at the same time	for all that	still
but	however	yet
in contrast to this	nevertheless	on the other hand

PLACE

adjacent to	here	on the opposite side
beyond	nearby	opposite to

PURPOSE

for this purpose	for this reason	to this end	with this object
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RESULT

accordingly	in conclusion	thus
consequently	therefore	wherefore
hence	thereupon	

MORE TRANSITIONS

SUMMARY, REPETITION, EXEMPLIFICATION, INTENSIFICATION

as has been noted
as I have said
for example
for instance
in fact

in other words
in short
in sum
in brief
in any event

indeed
on the whole
to be sure
to sum up

TIME

about
after a few days
afterward
at
at length
before
during

first
immediately
in the meantime
later
meanwhile
next
next week

second
soon
third
till
tomorrow
until
when

CLARIFY

in other words

for instance

that is

EMPHASIZE

again
for this reason

in fact
to emphasize

to repeat
truly

CONCLUSION

all in all
as a result
finally

in conclusion
in summary
lastly

to sum up