

Transition words and phrases

Transition words and phrases can be used to show relationships between sentences and between paragraphs. When used effectively, they can create cohesion throughout your writing. Having a good bank of transition words and phrases will prevent repetition in your writing.

Transitions to indicate the addition of a point, a series, or sequence of points:

Again	Also	Another
Besides	Finally	First, Second, Next, Last
Furthermore	In addition to	Moreover
Next	One	Similarly

Transitions to indicate an example:

For example	For instance	In particular
Namely	One such case is	Specifically
This is exemplified by	To illustrate	Thus

Transitions to narrow focus:

After all	Especially	Indeed
In other words	Of particular interest	Of special interest
Particularly	Specifically	That is

Transitions to indicate time:

After	As soon as	At first
At length	Before	Briefly
During	Earlier	Eventually
Finally	Immediately	Initially
In the beginning	In the meantime	Later
Meanwhile	Next	Previously
Prior	Soon	Subsequently

Transitions to indicate comparison:

Also	Analogously	As well as
As well	By Comparison	By the same token
Comparable	Correspondingly	In a similar way
In the same way	Likewise	Similarly

Transitions to indicate outcomes:

Accordingly	As	As a result
Because	Consequently	Due to
Hence	On account	Resulting in
Since	So	Subsequently
Then	Therefore	Thus

Transitions to indicate contrast:

Contradictorily	Despite	Except
In contrast	Instead	Meanwhile
Nevertheless	Notwithstanding	On the contrary
On the other hand	Whereas	Yet

Transitions to indicate a concession or limitation:

Admittedly	Albeit	Although
Certainly	Granted	However
It is conceded	Naturally	Obviously
Of course	One exception is	With the exception of

Transitions to indicate a conclusion:

As a result	As a consequence	Consequently
Demonstrating	Ergo	Hence
It follows	In summary	Resulting in
So	The case demonstrates	The case shows
Therefore	Thus	This illustrates

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