

Transitions

Transitions are like bridges between parts of a paper, links which help carry a thought from one sentence to another or from one paragraph to another. The various types of transitions lead the reader to make connections or assumptions about the chain of ideas. For example, some transitions may imply the “building” of an idea or thought, while others compare ideas or draw conclusions from the preceding thoughts.

| Logical Relationship | Transitional Expression |
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| Addition | additionally, in addition to, again, also, and, and then, another, as a result, as well as, besides, consequently, equally important, first, second, etc., finally, for example, for instance, further, furthermore, however, in fact, in the same way, last, lastly, likewise, moreover, next, otherwise, similarly, than, therefore, thus, too, what’s more |
| Cause and Effect | accordingly, because, consequently, so, therefore, thus |
| Comparison/Contrast | after all, also, although, although this may be true, analogous to, at the same time, balanced against, but, by comparison, compared to, conversely, except, however, in contrast, in like manner, in spite of, likewise, meanwhile, nevertheless, not, on the contrary, on the other hand, or, rather, similarly, where, whereas, up against, yet |
| Concession | although, at any rate, at least, granted that, in spite of, of course, still, though |
| Details | especially, including, in particular, namely, specifically, to enumerate, to explain, to list |
| Emphasis | above all, absolutely, again, also, always, besides, certainly, definitely, emphatically, eternally, extremely, forever, furthermore, in addition, indeed, in fact, in truth, naturally, never, of course, positively, really, surely, surprisingly, truly, undeniably, unquestionably, without a doubt, without reservation |
| Example | as an illustration, for example, for instance, in this case, in this situation, in other words, in particular, namely, on this occasion, specifically, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, thus |
| Exception | despite, however, in spite of, nevertheless, of course, once in a while, sometimes, still, yet |
| Illustration | for example, for instance, in other words, in particular, namely, specifically, such as, to illustrate |
| Place/Position | above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in back, in front, nearby, there |
| Proof | because, besides, evidently, for, for the same reason, furthermore, in addition, in any case, indeed, in fact, moreover, obviously, since, that is |
| Result/Consequence | as a result, because, for this reason, in other words, since, so, with the result that |
| Sequence/Order | after, afterward, at this point, at this time, before this, concurrently, consequently, finally, first, second, third, and so forth, finally, following this, hence, next, now, previously, simultaneously, soon, subsequently, then, therefore, thus |
| Summary/Conclusion | accordingly, as a result, as I have said, as I have shown, finally, hence, in a word, in brief, in conclusion, in summary, in the end, on the whole, therefore, to conclude, to summarize, thus |
| Time | after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously subsequently |

