

## TRANSITION WORDS

*The word transition means change or passage. Transition words establish relationships between parts of your essay, between ideas and paragraphs. Using transitions is a way to introduce your thoughts and let the reader know how to think about what you are writing. Transitions also can provide a “road map” to your writing. Before choosing a transition word, be sure of the relationship you want to show your reader.*

### to add:

additionally	equally important	(at) last
again	finally	likewise
also	first / second / etc.	moreover
and	further / furthermore	next / next to
and then	in addition	other
as well	in the first place	too
besides	in another case	what is more

### to compare or contrast:

admittedly	granted	more than
after all	in fact	naturally
as	less than	of course
at any rate	more than	to be sure
despite the fact that	meanwhile	where

### to compare:

along the same lines	compared to	likewise / like
as	in like manner	similar to / similarly
at the same time	in the same way	the same as
by comparison	just as	

### to contrast:

although	even though	on the other hand
although it is true that	however	rather
at the same time	in contrast	still
by contrast	nevertheless	though
but / nor /or	nonetheless	unlike
conversely	on the contrary	whereas
different from	one the one hand	yet

### to concede (concession):

admittedly	doubtless	naturally
although this may be true	granted that	no doubt
certainly	(I) admit / (I) concede	surely

**to elaborate:**

actually  
by extension  
for

in other words  
in short  
that is

to put it another way  
ultimately

**to emphasize:**

absolutely  
always  
certainly  
definitely  
emphatically  
forever

in any case  
in fact  
indeed  
naturally  
never  
obviously

undeniably  
unquestionably  
without a doubt  
without reservation

**to give an example:**

according to the evidence  
accordingly  
after all  
anyway  
as a matter of fact  
as an example  
as follows  
as proof  
consider  
especially  
first of all  
for example  
for instance  
for one thing  
frequently

further  
furthermore  
in addition  
incidentally  
indeed  
in general  
in one instance  
in other words  
in particular  
in this case  
in this situation  
mainly  
most important (ly)  
namely  
occasionally

often  
on this occasion  
principally  
research points out that  
significantly  
specifically  
take the case of  
the facts are that  
to demonstrate  
to illustrate  
to show that this is so  
to take a case in point  
usually

**to prove / to show result:**

accordingly  
all in all  
as a result  
because  
because of  
besides  
certainly  
consequently  
evidently  
for

for the same reason  
for this reason  
furthermore  
hence  
in addition  
in any case  
in fact  
indeed  
it follows  
likewise

moreover  
obviously  
since  
so  
that is  
then  
therefore  
thus

**to repeat:**

again  
also  
as has been noted  
as has been pointed out

in addition  
in brief  
in other words  
moreover

once again  
similarly  
to repeat

**to show cause and effect:**

as a result  
because of

consequently  
due to

for this reason  
therefore

**to show exception:**

at the same time  
conversely  
despite  
even so  
however  
in spite of

instead  
meanwhile  
nevertheless  
of course  
on the contrary  
on the other hand

once in a while  
otherwise  
sometimes  
still  
while  
yet

**to show sequence:**

after  
afterward  
at this point  
at this time  
before this  
consequently  
finally

first, next, third, etc.  
first, second, third, etc.  
following this  
hence  
lastly  
next  
now

previously  
simultaneously  
soon  
subsequently  
then  
therefore  
thus

**to show spatial relationship:**

above  
along  
adjacent to  
as far as  
behind  
below  
beyond  
elsewhere

farther on  
here  
in the background  
in back of  
in the middle of  
inside  
near  
near by

opposite to  
outside  
parallel to  
there  
through  
to the left, right, etc.  
to the north, south, etc.  
under

**to show time relationship:**

after  
 afterward  
 after a few hours  
 after a while  
 at last  
 at the same time  
 at that time  
 before  
 concurrently  
 during  
 earlier  
 eventually

finally  
 first / second / third / etc.  
 formerly  
 immediately  
 in the meantime  
 in the past  
 later  
 meanwhile  
 now  
 now then  
 presently  
 previously

shortly  
 simultaneously  
 since  
 soon  
 subsequently  
 then  
 thereafter  
 to begin with  
 until now  
 while

**to conclude:**

accordingly  
 after all  
 as a result  
 consequently  
 finally  
 hence

in brief  
 in short  
 it follows  
 on the whole  
 on the whole  
 so

summing up  
 then  
 therefore  
 thus  
 to conclude  
 to summarize