

# TRANSITIONAL DEVICES: WORDS & PHRASES

Transitional words and phrases are also known as cohesive devices. They strengthen writing by improving flow and clarifying the relationships between ideas, sentences, and paragraphs.

## TO INDICATE AGREEMENT, ADDITION, OR SIMILARITY

additionally,	comparatively	in like manner	of course,
again	correspondingly	in the first place	similarly,
along with	coupled with	in the light of	then
also	equally	in the same way	to
and	equally important	like	to say nothing of
as	first, second, third	likewise,	together with
as a matter of fact,	furthermore	moreover	too
as well as	identically	not only ... but also	uniquely
by the same token	in addition,	not to mention	what is more

## TO INDICATE AN EXAMPLE, SHOW SUPPORT, OR EMPHASIZE

another key point	important to realize	namely	to clarify
as an illustration	in fact,	notably	to demonstrate
by all means	in general,	on the negative side	to emphasize
certainly	in other words,	on the positive side	to enumerate
expressively	in particular	point often	to explain
first and foremost	in this case	overlooked	to point out
first thing to	including	significantly	to put it another way
remember	indeed	specifically,	to put it differently
for example,	like frequently	such as	to repeat
for instance,	markedly	surely	truly
for one thing	compelling evidence	surprisingly	with attention to
for this reason,	it must be	that is to say	with this in mind
frequently	remembered	to be sure	

## TO INDICATE AN EFFECT, RESULT, OR CONSEQUENCE

accordingly	consequently	henceforth	thereupon
as a result	for this reason	in that case	thus
because	forthwith	therefore	hence

## TO INDICATE CONTRADICTION, OPPOSITION, OR LIMITATION

(and) still	be that as it may	in contrast	on the other hand
(and) yet	besides	in reality	or
above all	but	in spite of	otherwise
after all	conversely	instead	rather
albeit	despite	nevertheless	regardless
although	different from	nonetheless	then again
although this may be	even so	notwithstanding	unlike
as much as	even though	of course ..., but	whereas
at the same time	however	on the contrary	while

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## TO INDICATE CAUSE, CONDITION, OR PURPOSE

as / so long as	in order to	only / even if	unless
because of	in the event that	owing to	when
due to	in the hope that	provided that	whenever
for fear that	in view of	seeing / being that	while
for the purpose of	inasmuch as	since	with this in mind
given that	lest	so as to	with this intention
granted (that) ...	on (the) condition	so that	
then	(that)	to the end that	

## TO INDICATE CONCLUSION, SUMMARY, OR RESTATEMENT

after all	for the most part	in either case	on balance
all in all	generally speaking	in essence	on the whole
all things considered	given these points	in fact	ordinarily
altogether	in a word	in short	overall
as can be seen	in any event	in summary	to sum up
as has been noted	in brief	in the final analysis	to summarize
as shown above	in conclusion	in the long run	usually

## TO INDICATE TIME, CHRONOLOGY, OR SEQUENCE

after	forthwith	meanwhile	then
all of a sudden	from time to time	next	till
as long as	further	now	to begin with
as soon as	hence	now that	until
at the present time	henceforth	occasionally	until now
at the same time	immediately	once	up to the present
at this instant	in a moment	presently	time
before	in due time	prior to	when
by the time	in the first place	quickly	whenever
during	in the meantime	shortly	whenever
eventually	in time	since	without delay
finally	instantly	sooner or later	
first, second	last	straightaway	
formerly	later	suddenly	

## TO INDICATE SPACE, LOCATION, OR PLACE

above	between	in the middle
across	beyond	near
adjacent to	down	nearby
alongside	from	next
amid	further	on this side
among	here	opposite to
around	here and there	over
before	in front of	there
behind	in the background	to the left/right
below	in the center of	under
beneath	in the distance	where
beside	in the foreground	wherever