

## Transitional Words & Phrases

Using transitional words and phrases helps papers read more smoothly, and at the same time, allows the reader to flow more smoothly from one point to the next. Transitions enhance logical organization and understandability and improve the connections between thoughts. They indicate relations, whether within a sentence, paragraph, or paper.

**Addition:** also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

**Consequence:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so then, subsequently, therefore, thus, thereupon, wherefore

**Contrast and Comparison:** contrast, by the same token, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, similarly, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless, in contrast

**Emphasis:** above all, chiefly, with attention to, especially, particularly, singularly

**Exception:** aside from, barring, beside, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, other than, outside of, save

**Exemplifying:** chiefly, especially, for instance, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, specifically, such as

**Generalizing:** as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually

**Illustration:** for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case

**Similarity:** comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, identically, likewise, similar, moreover, together with

**Restatement:** in essence, in other words, namely, that is, that is to say, in short, in brief, to put it differently

**Sequence:** at first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, the meantime, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion, with this in mind,

**Summarizing:** after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, in the long run, on balance, to sum up, to summarize, finally

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