

TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

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Use the following transitional words/phrases to connect your ideas. Transitions can help to make your writing flow smoothly and sound more sophisticated.

Add	Also In addition Additionally	Besides Likewise Futhermore	Another Along with Similarly
Time / Order	First Next When After Before	Soon Eventually At the same time As soon as	The following Finally As Then Meanwhile
Importance	Most of all Least of all	Better Most importantly	First Last
Cause / Effect	Therefore For that reason Because	Due to As a result Consequently	So Since Then
Compare / Contrast	Although As if But Conversely Even if However	In spite of Instead Rather Nevertheless On the other hand Otherwise	Provided that Still Yet Due to Consequently On the contrary
Examples	That is Such as For example	In other words Along with As follows	For instance As Namely

Transitions to Avoid

As you can see...
In this essay, I will tell you about...
In conclusion...
To sum up...
As I wrote before...
This essay described...



Transitioning Tips

1. Be sure to use proper punctuation with your transitions. Depending on the transition used, a comma might be needed immediately following the transition or after the transitional phrase. Some of these transitions are subordinating conjunctions and using them will create complex sentences.
2. Be sure to use a transition that is appropriate for what you are writing about.
3. Read your sentences aloud. Make sure the transitions sound right!