

## Transition Words and Phrases

Transition words and phrases are used to relate ideas. Transitions within paragraphs or between paragraphs help ideas to flow smoothly between sentences and paragraphs. Transitional words and phrases are also called signal words.

Using transitional words helps to achieve precise and coherent communication with your audience. Connecting sentences and paragraphs provide a sense of movement that allows the reader to understand the purpose and message more clearly by following follow the main and subordinate ideas. Some lead the reader forward and imply the "building" of an idea or thought, while others make the reader compare ideas or draw conclusions from the initial thoughts.

### Transitions Between Paragraphs

When linking two paragraphs, transitions words help to explain how are the two paragraphs logically connected. Transitional words or phrases sometimes will be precisely what you need to underscore for your readers the intellectual relationship between paragraphs—to help them navigate your essay.

### Transition Words and Their Uses:

Uses	Transition Words
To Indicate Sequence	At first, in the beginning, first, at the onset, commencing with, once, begin with, earlier, first, from this point, in the first place, starting with, once upon a time, after that, in turn, later on next, following

	that, immediately following, in the second place, secondly, so far, subsequently, the following week, the next day, twice, the second stage, the next time. Lastly, finally, third, last of all, to conclude, in conclusion.
To Indicate Time Order	Formerly, earlier, before, recently, in the past, previously, at present, currently, immediately, presently, now, until now, right away, simultaneously, at this moment, afterward, soon, hereafter, until now, in the future, and after all that.
To Indicate COMPARISON	After all, also, as well as, along the same lines, compared to, comparatively, like, likewise, analogous to, nevertheless, parallel to, a relative of, whereas, resembling, too, identical, and similarly.
To Indicate CONTRAST	Different from, in contrast, up against, but, otherwise, regardless, nevertheless, by contrast, contrary to, to differentiate, a clear difference, although, despite, yo oppose, yet, contrarily, even though, however, even, and counter to.
To Indicate CAUSE & EFFECT	Accordingly, thus, as a result, then, caused by, because of this, due to, consequently, hence, in effect, subsequently, the outcome, hence, in conclusion, as a consequence, and furthermore.
To Indicate ADDITION	After, afterward, again, also, too, moreover, finally, in fact, lastly, thus, and, therefore, besides further, next, following this, and equally important.
To Provide An EXAMPLE	For example, as an example, consider another way, after all, for instance, more precisely, in the following, another way, in this situation, in order to clarify, such as, to illustrate, to exemplify, and to demonstrate.

To EMPHASIZE or INTENSIFY	To be sure, most of all, in fact, definitely, furthermore, increasingly important, moreover, after all, most important of all, above all, after all, indeed, and as a matter of fact.
To Indicate EXCEPTION	Despite, however, still, once in a while, yet, of course, nevertheless, and sometimes.
To SUMMARIZE or CONCLUDE	To sum up, to summarize, thus, therefore, in conclusion, then, summing up, in brief, to conclude, as a result, and accordingly.
To Connect CLAUSES* COORDINATION CONJUNCTIONS	And, yet, so, but, for, nor, and or.
To Connect CLAUSES cont.* SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS	In order that, although, as though, even if even, even though, after, rather than, so that, than, before, since, once, when, whenever, while, unless, though, until, whenever, and so.
To ELABORATE	Ultimately, to put it bluntly, Actually, by extension, in short, in other words, to put it another way, to put it succinctly.
To CONCEDE	Admittedly, although it is true, granted, I concede that, of course, and to be sure.