

TRANSITIONS IN WRITING

Transitions can accomplish a variety of purposes. They act as a signal word that leads your reader to the conclusions you want them to draw from your argument. They allow your reader to follow one thought to another, as well as link separate parts of a sentence, idea or paragraph together.

USE TRANSITIONS TO

- clarify/show relationships
- show sequence
- create cohesion
- build suspense
- link major sections of your writing
- change in time or setting

Here are some transitional words and phrases that can be used while writing to cue your reader.

To clarify

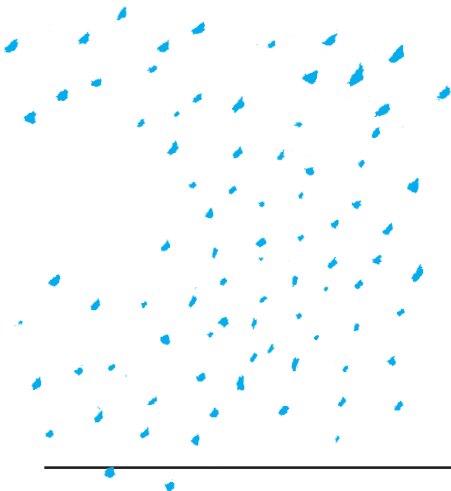
- after all
- as can be expected
- clearly
- generally
- markedly
- namely
- naturally
- obviously
- of course
- specifically
- surely
- usually

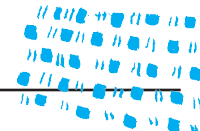
To provide a counterpoint

- alternatively
- another possibility
- aside from
- barring
- beside
- but
- conversely
- except
- excluding
- exclusive of
- even though
- hence
- however
- in contrast
- instead
- nevertheless
- other than
- on one hand
- on the other hand
- on the contrary
- rather
- save
- still
- yet

To link or give an example

- also
- and
- as an example
- as an illustration
- as far as
- furthermore
- for example
- for instance
- in addition
- in contrast
- in the same way
- moreover
- next
- not only __, but also __
- now
- similarly
- so
- take the case of
- to demonstrate
- turning to





To compare and contrast

although
but
by the same token
conversely
comparatively
compared to
correspondingly
coupled with
however
identically
in contrast
in comparison
in the same manner
instead
moreover
nevertheless
likewise
on one hand
on the other hand
on the contrary
rather
similarly
still
together with
yet

To show sequence

afterward
at first
at this point
at the same time
before this
concurrently
consequently
earlier
eventually
finally
first of all
following this
for the time being
in the first place
in time
in turn
later
meanwhile
next
previously
simultaneously
soon
subsequently
then
therefore
thus
to begin
while
with this in mind

To add on

additionally
also
again
another point is that
as well as
besides
coupled with
equally important
further
furthermore
in addition
likewise
moreover
similarly
what's more

To show an exception

aside from
barring
beside
despite
except
excluding
exclusive of
other than
save

To show relationship

by the same token
comparatively
correspondingly
coupled with
equally
identically
in comparison
in the same way
moreover
likewise
similarly
still
together with
with regard to
with reference to

To emphasize and illustrate

above all
as a matter of fact
as an example
as an illustration
chiefly
especially
for example
for instance
for one thing
including
in this case
markedly
namely
particularly
singularly
specifically
such as

To summarize, restate, or conclude

after all
all in all
all things considered
as a result
briefly
by and large
finally
in any case
in any event
in brief
in conclusion
in short
in summary
in the final analysis
therefore
to conclude
to summarize