



Transitions

Transitions are like bridges between parts of a paper, links which help carry a thought from one sentence to another or from one paragraph to another. The various types of transitions lead the reader to make connections or assumptions about the chain of ideas. For example, some transitions may imply the “building” of an idea or thought, while others compare ideas or draw conclusions from the preceding thoughts.

Logical Relationship	Transitional Expression
Addition	additionally, in addition to, again, also, and, and then, another, as a result, as well as, besides, consequently, equally important, first, second, etc., finally, for example, for instance, further, furthermore, however, in fact, in the same way, last, lastly, likewise, moreover, next, otherwise, similarly, than, therefore, thus, too, what’s more
Cause and Effect	accordingly, because, consequently, so, therefore, thus
Comparison/Contrast	after all, also, although, although this may be true, analogous to, at the same time, balanced against, but, by comparison, compared to, conversely, except, however, in contrast, in like manner, in spite of, likewise, meanwhile, nevertheless, not, on the contrary, on the other hand, or, rather, similarly, where, whereas, up against, yet
Concession	although, at any rate, at least, granted that, in spite of, of course, still, though
Details	especially, including, in particular, namely, specifically, to enumerate, to explain, to list
Emphasis	above all, absolutely, again, also, always, besides, certainly, definitely, emphatically, eternally, extremely, forever, furthermore, in addition, indeed, in fact, in truth, naturally, never, of course, positively, really, surely, surprisingly, truly, undeniably, unquestionably, without a doubt, without reservation
Example	as an illustration, for example, for instance, in this case, in this situation, in other words, in particular, namely, on this occasion, specifically, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, thus
Exception	despite, however, in spite of, nevertheless, of course, once in a while, sometimes, still, yet
Illustration	for example, for instance, in other words, in particular, namely, specifically, such as, to illustrate
Place/Position	above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in back, in front, nearby, there
Proof	because, besides, evidently, for, for the same reason, furthermore, in addition, in any case, indeed, in fact, moreover, obviously, since, that is
Result/Consequence	as a result, because, for this reason, in other words, since, so, with the result that
Sequence/Order	after, afterward, at this point, at this time, before this, concurrently, consequently, finally, first, second, third, and so forth, finally, following this, hence, next, now, previously, simultaneously, soon, subsequently, then, therefore, thus
Summary/Conclusion	accordingly, as a result, as I have said, as I have shown, finally, hence, in a word, in brief, in conclusion, in summary, in the end, on the whole, therefore, to conclude, to summarize, thus
Time	after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously subsequently