

Transitions

Transitional devices (also known as conjunctive adverbs) link ideas/sentences by showing their relationships to each other. They also link paragraphs together for readers to move smoothly from one paragraph to another. In addition, they help writers express their ideas in an organized manner.

TO ADD: and, and then, too, next, besides, what’s more, moreover, further, furthermore, in addition, equally important, finally, lastly, first (second, etc.).
TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE: for example, for instance, in this case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration.
TO COMPARE/CONTRAST: whereas, where, meanwhile, but, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, in contrast, conversely, up against, balanced against, vis a vis, by comparison, compared to, although, after all, although this may be true.
TO EMPHASIZE: definitely, certainly, of course, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, undeniably, without reservation.
TO SHOW SEQUENCE: first (second, etc.), and so forth, next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, thus, hence, concurrently, therefore, next, and then, finally.
TO REPEAT: in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted/said.
TO PROVE: because, for, since, for the same reason, indeed, in fact, in any case, that is.
TO SHOW EXCEPTION: yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, once in a while.
TO SHOW TIME: immediately, thereafter, later, soon after, finally, previously, next, then, formerly, first (second, etc.)
TO SUMMARIZE OR CONCLUDE: in brief, on the whole, hence, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have shown, as I have said, therefore, thus, as a result, consequently, accordingly, on the whole.