

Transitional Words and Phrases

Transitional devices are bridges between parts of your paper—they help you carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one idea to another, or from one paragraph to another with words or phrases. Transitional devices link your sentences and paragraphs together smoothly so that there are no abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas.

Below is a table of SOME transitional words/phrases that may help you. Can you think of others?

To Compare Ideas:		
another	in addition	whereas
besides	similarly	compared to
To Contrast Ideas/Show Exception		
although	in spite of	nevertheless
on the other hand	otherwise	on the contrary
however	despite	
To Show Cause and Effect:		
as a result	consequently	therefore
To Show Importance:		
more importantly	equally important	clearly
undeniably		
To Add:		
in addition	furthermore	additionally
also		
To Show Sequence:		
at this point	after	before
meanwhile	previously	eventually
simultaneously	concurrently	consequently
To Give an Example:		
for instance	in this case	on this occasion
for example	to prove	to illustrate
in this situation	to demonstrate	
To Summarize or Conclude:		
in brief	on the whole	ultimately
in any case	in its entirety	obviously
clearly		