

List of Transition Words for Essays



Transition Words for Agreement / Addition / Similarity The transitional devices like *also*, *in addition*, *and*, *likewise*, add information, reinforce ideas, and express agreement.

in the first place	in the light of	then	together with
not only ... but also	not to mention	equally	of course
as a matter of fact	to say nothing of	identically	likewise
in like manner	equally important	uniquely	comparatively
in addition	by the same token	like	correspondingly
coupled with	again	as	similarly
in the same	to	too	furthermore
fashion / way	and	moreover	additionally
first, second, third	also	as well as	

Transition Words for Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

Transition phrases like *but*, *rather* and *or*, express that there is evidence to the **contrary** or point out **alternatives**, and thus introduce a change the line of reasoning (**contrast**).

although this may be true	even so / though	or	conversely
in contrast	be that as it may	(and) yet	otherwise
different from	then again	while	however
of course ..., but	above all	albeit	rather
on the other hand	in reality	besides	nevertheless
on the contrary	after all	although	regardless
at the same time	but	instead	notwithstanding
in spite of	(and) still	whereas	
	unlike	despite	

Transition Words for Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words	first thing to	to be sure	in general
to put it	remember	namely	in particular
differently	most compelling	chiefly	in detail
for one thing	evidence	truly	for example
as an illustration	must be	indeed	for instance
in this case	remembered	certainly	to demonstrate
for this reason	point often	surely	to emphasize
to put it another way	overlooked	markedly	to repeat
that is to say	to point out	especially	to clarify
with attention to	on the positive /	specifically	to explain
by all means	negative side	expressively	to enumerate
important to	with this in mind	surprisingly	such as
realize	notably	frequently	
another key point	including	significantly	
	like	in fact	

Transition Words for Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific **conditions** or **intentions**.

in the event that	to the end that	since	given that
granted (that)	for fear that	while	only / even if
as / so long as	in order to	because of	so that
on (the) condition (that)	seeing / being that	as	so as to
for the purpose of	in view of	since	owing to
with this intention	If... then	while	inasmuch as
with this in mind	unless	lest	due to
in the hope that	when	in case	
	whenever	provided that	

Transition Words for Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition devices (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a **consequence** or an **effect**.

Note that *for* and *because* are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result	for this reason	then	thereupon
under those	for	hence	forthwith
circumstances	thus	consequently	accordingly
in that case	because the	therefore	henceforth

Transition Words for Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude, summarize** and/or **restate** ideas, or a indicate a final **general statement**.

as can be seen	given these points	in conclusion	overall
generally speaking	as has been noted	in short	ordinarily
in the final analysis	in a word	in brief	usually
all things	for the most part	in essence	by and large
considered	after all	to summarize	to sum up
as shown above	in fact	on balance	on the whole
in the long run	in summary	altogether	all in all
in any event	in either case		

Transition Words for Time / Chronology / Sequence

These transitional words (like *finally*) have the function of limiting, restricting, and defining **time**. They can be used either alone or as part of *adverbial expressions*.

at the present time	as soon as	after	formerly
from time to time	in the meantime	later	suddenly
sooner or later	in a moment	last	shortly
at the same time	without delay	until	henceforth
up to the present	in the first place	since	whenever
time	all of a sudden	then	eventually
to begin with	at this instant	before	meanwhile
in due time	immediately	hence	further
until now	quickly	since	during
	finally	when	first, second
		once	in time
		about	prior to
		next	forthwith
		now	straightaway
			instantly
			presently
			occasional

