

WORDS COMMONLY USED AS TRANSITIONS

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Transitions are used to make writing flow and to achieve coherence. A transition may be a sentence or two that moves the reader from one paragraph to another, or it may be a word to help move the reader from one sentence to the next. Caution: Just adding a transitional word will not work if the ideas do not lead into each other (i.e., “All red cars are road hazards, besides lions stalk their prey”).

Addition

and, also, besides, further, further more, in addition, moreover, next, too, first, second

Cause and Effect

accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, hence, so...then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end

Comparison

again, also, in the same way, likewise, once more, similarly

Concession

although, it is true that, granted that, I admit that, it may appear that, naturally, of course

Contrast

although, but, despite, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, on the one hand...on the other hand, instead, regardless, still, though, yet

Emphasis

in fact, indeed, certainly

Examples

after all, even, for example, for instance, indeed, in fact, of course, specifically, such as, the following example, to illustrate

Logical Relationship

if, so, therefore, consequently, thus, as a result of, for this reason, since

Place

above, adjacent to, below, beyond, closer to, elsewhere, far, farther on, here, near, nearby, opposite to, there, to the left, to the right

Sequence

again, also, and, and then, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too.

Note: Do NOT use “firstly,” “secondly,” “thirdly,” etc.

Similarity

likewise, in the same way, in like manner, similarly

Summary, Repetition, or Conclusion

as a result, as has been noted, as I have said, as we have seen, as mentioned earlier, in any event, in conclusion, in other words, in short, on the whole, therefore, to summarize

Time

after a few days, after a while, afterward, as long as, as soon as, at last, at that time, before, earlier, immediately, in the meantime, in the past, lately, later, meanwhile, now, presently, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, then, thereafter, until, when