

TRANSITIONAL WORDS & PHASES

Using **transitional words and phrases** helps papers read more smoothly. They provide logical organization and understandability and improve the connections and transitions between thoughts. **A coherent paper allows the reader** to flow from the first supporting point to the last. **Transitions indicate relations**, whether within a sentence, paragraph, or paper. This list illustrates "relationships" between ideas, followed by words and phrases that can connect them.

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| <p>Addition: also again as well as besides coupled with furthermore in addition likewise moreover similarly</p> | <p>Consequence: accordingly as a result consequently for this reason for this purpose hence otherwise so then subsequently therefore thus thereupon wherefore</p> | <p>Generalizing: as a rule as usual for the most part generally generally speaking ordinarily usually</p> | <p>Exemplifying: chiefly especially for instance for one thing in particular markedly namely particularly including specifically such as</p> | <p>Illustration: for example for instance for one thing as an illustration illustrated with as an example in this case</p> |
| <p>Restatement: in essence in other words namely that is that is to say in short in brief to put it differently</p> | <p>Emphasis above all chiefly with attention to especially particularly singularly</p> | <p>Similarity: comparatively coupled with correspondingly identically likewise similar moreover together with</p> | <p>Exception: aside from barring besides except excepting excluding exclusive of other than outside of save</p> | <p>Direction: here there over there beyond nearly opposite under above to the left to the right in the distance</p> |
| <p>Contrast and Comparison: contrast by the same token conversely instead likewise on one hand on the other hand on the contrary rather similarly yet but however still nevertheless in contrast</p> | <p>Sequence: at first first of all to begin with in the first place at the same time for now for the time being the next step in time in turn later on meanwhile next then soon in the meantime later while earlier simultaneously afterward in conclusion with this in mind</p> | <p>Summarizing: after all all in all all things considered briefly by and large in any case in any event in brief in conclusion on the whole in short in summary in the final analysis in the long run on balance to sum up to summarize finally</p> | <p>Diversion: by the way incidentally</p> | |