

Transitions

□ Transitions are words, phrases, and sometimes whole sentences or paragraphs that help readers understand the logical connections among your ideas. When considering which transition to use, be sure to select one that expresses your exact meaning. On the following page is a chart of some transitions and the logical relationships they signal.

RELATIONSHIPS	TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS		
Addition	again also and and then	besides equally important further furthermore	in addition likewise moreover too
Comparison	in a like manner in the same way	likewise on the same hand	similarly
Concession	after all although true and yet	at the same time granted naturally	of course perhaps
Contrast	after all although true at any rate but despite	even so for all that however in contrast in spite of	nevertheless on the other hand on the contrary still yet
Example	consider for example for instance incidentally	indeed in fact in other words in particular	namely particularly specifically that is
Result	accordingly as a result consequently	hence then thereby	therefore thus
Sequence	finally first eventually	gradually last next	second third ultimately
Summary	actually apparently certainly conversely fortunately	in brief in conclusion in short obviously on the whole	to conclude to summarize undoubtedly unfortunately
Time	after a short time after a while afterward at last	at length hereupon (formal) lately presently	recently shortly since then then

Note: These transitional expressions include prepositions, adverbs, and conjunctions. If you are not sure about the usage of a particular expression, check in a dictionary.