

Transitions

Transitional expressions are words and phrases that point out the exact relation between one idea and another, one sentence and another. As you write, use various transitional expressions, together with other linking devices, to connect one sentence and/or paragraph to another.

Here is a partial list of expressions and their purposes:

Purpose	Transitional Expression
To add	also, and, and then, as well, besides, beyond that, first (second, third, last, <i>and so on</i>), for one thing, furthermore, in addition, next, moreover, what is more
To compare	also, as well, both (neither), in the same way, likewise, similarly
To contrast	although, be that as it may, but, however, even though, in contrast, nevertheless, yet, on the contrary, on the other hand, whereas
To concede (a point)	certainly, granted that, of course, no doubt, to be sure
To emphasize	above all, especially, in fact, in particular, indeed, most important, surely
To illustrate	as a case in point, as an illustration, one such, for example, for instance, yet another, in particular
To place	above, beside, below, beyond, farther, here, inside, nearby, next to, on the far side, outside, opposite, to the east (west, south...)
To qualify	perhaps, maybe, possibly
To give a reason	as, because, for, since
To show a result	and so, because of this, as a consequence, as a result, consequently, for this reason, so, hence, therefore, thus
To summarize	all in all, finally, in brief, in other words, lastly, on the whole, to sum up
To place in time	after a while, afterward, at last, at present, briefly, currently, during, eventually, next, finally, gradually, immediately, later, then, now, recently, soon, suddenly, meanwhile, in the future