



Transitions

Transitional devices act like bridges between parts of your writing. They are words or phrases that prevent abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas. Furthermore, they help carry a thought from one sentence to another, one idea to another, or one paragraph to another. The list below presents common transitional devices and their purpose:

Purpose	Transitional Devices
To Add	and, and then, besides, finally, further, furthermore, nor, too, next, lastly, moreover, in addition
To Compare	whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, although, conversely, meanwhile, in contrast, although this may be true
To Emphasize	definitely, in fact, indeed, in any case, naturally, surprisingly, always, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation
To Give an Example	for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, as an example
To Prove	because, for, since, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition, that is
To Repeat	in brief, once again, in other words, as previously stated
To Show Sequence	next, then, following this, at this time, now, currently, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence
To Show Time	immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, next, and then
To Summarize or Conclude	on the whole, in brief, overall, summing up, in conclusion, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently, ultimately

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