

Useful Transitional Words and Phrases



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To Indicate Sequence and Addition

afterwards	besides	in addition	nor
again	eventually	lastly	previously
also	finally	likewise	similarly
and	further	moreover	subsequently
and then	furthermore	next	too

To Indicate Time

afterward	first . . . second . . .	later	soon
as soon as	first of all	meanwhile	subsequently
at first	formerly	next	then
before	immediately	now	thereafter
earlier	in time	previously	to begin with
finally	in turn	simultaneously	until

To Show Comparison

also	in comparison	likewise	similarly
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To Show Contrast

although	however	nonetheless	whereas
but	in contrast	nor	yet
conversely	instead	on the contrary	
despite	meanwhile	rather	
even though	nevertheless	still	

To Introduce Examples

for example	particularly	thus
for instance	specifically	to demonstrate
namely	such as	to illustrate

To Indicate Conclusions or Summaries

as a result	finally	in other words	thus
as stated before	hence	in sum	to conclude
briefly	in brief	in summary	to summarize
consequently	in conclusion	therefore	

To Indicate Concession

admittedly	certainly	naturally	of course
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To Show Cause and Effect

accordingly	for	since	thus
as a result	for this reason	so	
because	hence	therefore	
consequently	otherwise	thereupon	

Generalizing

as usual	in general	ordinarily	usually
generally			

To Indicate Restatement

as has been noted	as I have noted	in essence	in short
as I have said	in brief	in other words	namely

To Emphasize a Point or Idea

absolutely	emphatically	indeed	surprisingly
after all	extremely	naturally	undeniably
always	forever	never	unquestionably
certainly	in fact	obviously	without a doubt
definitely	in particular	positively	without reservation