

List of Transition Words for Essays



Transition Words for Agreement / Addition / Similarity The transitional devices like *also*, *in addition*, *and*, *likewise*, add information, reinforce ideas, and express agreement.

in the first place	in the light of	then	together with
not only ... but also	not to mention	equally	of course
as a matter of fact	to say nothing of	identically	likewise
in like manner	equally important	uniquely	comparatively
in addition	by the same token	like	correspondingly
coupled with	again	as	similarly
in the same	to	too	furthermore
fashion / way	and	moreover	additionally
first, second, third	also	as well as	

Transition Words for Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

Transition phrases like *but*, *rather* and *or*, express that there is evidence to the **contrary** or point out **alternatives**, and thus introduce a change the line of reasoning (**contrast**).

although this may be true	even so / though	or	conversely
in contrast	be that as it may	(and) yet	otherwise
different from	then again	while	however
of course ..., but	above all	albeit	rather
on the other hand	in reality	besides	nevertheless
on the contrary	after all	although	regardless
at the same time	but	instead	notwithstanding
in spite of	(and) still	whereas	
	unlike	despite	

Transition Words for Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words	first thing to	to be sure	in general
to put it	remember	namely	in particular
differently	most compelling	chiefly	in detail
for one thing	evidence	truly	for example
as an illustration	must be	indeed	for instance
in this case	remembered	certainly	to demonstrate
for this reason	point often	surely	to emphasize
to put it another way	overlooked	markedly	to repeat
that is to say	to point out	especially	to clarify
with attention to	on the positive /	specifically	to explain
by all means	negative side	expressively	to enumerate
important to	with this in mind	surprisingly	such as
realize	notably	frequently	
another key point	including	significantly	
	like	in fact	

Transition Words for Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific **conditions** or **intentions**.

in the event that	to the end that	since	given that
granted (that)	for fear that	while	only / even if
as / so long as	in order to	because of	so that
on (the) condition (that)	seeing / being that	as	so as to
for the purpose of	in view of	since	owing to
with this intention	If... then	while	inasmuch as
with this in mind	unless	lest	due to
in the hope that	when	in case	
	whenever	provided that	

Transition Words for Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition devices (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a **consequence** or an **effect**.

Note that *for* and *because* are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result
under those
circumstances
in that case

for this reason
for
thus
because the

then
hence
consequently
therefore

thereupon
forthwith
accordingly
henceforth

Transition Words for Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude, summarize** and/or **restate** ideas, or a indicate a final **general statement**.

as can be seen
generally speaking
in the final analysis
all things
considered
as shown above
in the long run
in any event

given these points
as has been noted
in a word
for the most part
after all
in fact
in summary
in either case

in conclusion
in short
in brief
in essence
to summarize
on balance
altogether

overall
ordinarily
usually
by and large
to sum up
on the whole
all in all

Transition Words for Time / Chronology / Sequence

These transitional words (like *finally*) have the function of limiting, restricting, and defining **time**. They can be used either alone or as part of *adverbial expressions*.

at the present time
from time to time
sooner or later
at the same time
up to the present
time
to begin with
in due time
until now

as soon as
in the meantime
in a moment
without delay
in the first place
all of a sudden
at this instant
immediately
quickly
finally

after
later
last
until
since
then
before
hence
since
when
once
about
next
now

formerly
suddenly
shortly
henceforth
whenever
eventually
meanwhile
further
during
first, second
in time
prior to
forthwith
straightaway
instantly
presently
occasional

