

TRANSITIONAL DEVICES: WORDS & PHRASES



Transitional words and phrases are also known as cohesive devices. They strengthen writing by improving flow and clarifying the relationships between ideas, sentences, and paragraphs.

TO INDICATE AGREEMENT, ADDITION, OR SIMILARITY

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

TO INDICATE AN EXAMPLE, SHOW SUPPORT, OR EMPHASIZE

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

TO INDICATE AN EFFECT, RESULT, OR CONSEQUENCE

accordingly	consequently	henceforth	thereupon
as a result	for this reason	in that case	thus
because	forthwith	therefore	hence

TO INDICATE CONTRADICTION, OPPOSITION, OR LIMITATION

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

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TO INDICATE CAUSE, CONDITION, OR PURPOSE

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

TO INDICATE CONCLUSION, SUMMARY, OR RESTATEMENT

after all	for the most part	in either case	on balance
all in all	generally speaking	in essence	on the whole
all things considered	given these points	in fact	ordinarily
altogether	in a word	in short	overall
as can be seen	in any event	in summary	to sum up
as has been noted	in brief	in the final analysis	to summarize
as shown above	in conclusion	in the long run	usually

TO INDICATE TIME, CHRONOLOGY, OR SEQUENCE

after	formerly	last	sooner or later
all of a sudden	forthwith	later	straightaway
as long as	from time to time	meanwhile	suddenly
as soon as	further	next	then
at the present time	hence	now	till
at the same time	henceforth	now that	to begin with
at this instant	immediately	occasionally	until
before	in a moment	once	until now
by the time	in due time	presently	up to the present time
during	in the first place	prior to	when
eventually	in the meantime	quickly	whenever
finally	in time	shortly	whenever
first, second	instantly	since	without delay

TO INDICATE SPACE, LOCATION, OR PLACE

above	below	here and there	next
across	beneath	in front of	on this side
adjacent to	beside	in the background	opposite to
alongside	between	in the center of	over
amid	beyond	in the distance	there
among	down	in the foreground	to the left/right
around	from	in the middle	under
before	further	near	where
behind	here	nearby	wherever