

Transitional Words & Phrases

- **Using transitional words and phrases** helps papers read more smoothly, and at the same time allows the reader to flow more smoothly from one point to the next. They are also very useful for clear, formal presentations and discussions
- **Transitions enhance logical organization and understandability** and improve the connections between thoughts. They indicate relations, whether within a sentence, paragraph, presentation or paper.
- **This list illustrates categories of "relationships" between ideas**, followed by words and phrases that can make the connections.

Addition:			
also	again	as well as	besides
coupled with	furthermore	in addition	likewise
moreover	similarly		

Consequence:			
for this purpose	hence	otherwise	so then
subsequently	therefore	thereupon	thus
wherefore also	accordingly	as a result	consequently
for this reason			

Contrast and Comparison:			
in contrast	by the same token	conversely	instead
rather	similarly	yet	but
however	still	nevertheless	likewise
on one hand	on the other hand	on the contrary	

Direction:			
here	there	over there	beyond
nearly	opposite	under	above
to the left	to the right	in the distance	

Diversion:			
by the way	incidentally		

Emphasis			
above all	chiefly	with attention to	especially

particularly	singularly		
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Exception:			
excepting	excluding	exclusive of	other than
aside from	barring	beside	except
outside of	save		

Exemplifying:			
specifically	such as	chiefly	especially
for instance	in particular	markedly	namely
particularly	including		

Generalizing:			
as a rule	as usual	for the most part	generally
generally speaking	ordinarily	usually	

Illustration			
for example	for instance	for one thing	as an illustration

Summarizing:			
after all	all in all	all things considered	briefly
by and large	in any case	in any event	in brief
in conclusion	on the whole	in short	in summary
in the final analysis	in the long run	on balance	to sum up
to summarize	finally		