

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: | | | |
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| 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: | | | |
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| by the way | incidentally | | |

| Emphasis | | | |
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| above all | chiefly | with attention to | especially |

| | | | |
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| particularly | singularly | | |
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| Exception: | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| for example | for instance | for one thing | as an illustration |

| Summarizing: | | | |
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| 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 | | |