



# Transitions



Transitions connect your sentences and paragraphs together and provide coherence to your writing. They help your reader understand the relationships between your ideas.

## To Enumerate (list ideas sequentially)

|        |                     |              |               |         |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| first  | in the first place  | first of all | to begin with | finally |
| second | in the second place | secondly     | next          | last    |
| third  | in the third place  | thirdly      | another       |         |

## To Give Examples

|         |                |              |               |               |              |
|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| namely  | particularly   | incidentally | indeed        | specifically  | for instance |
| in fact | in other words | for example  | in particular | to illustrate | that is      |

## To Add an Illustration of

|       |                   |          |             |             |          |
|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| again | equally important | moreover | furthermore | besides     | and then |
| also  | further           | too      | and         | in addition | likewise |

## To Indicate Place

|        |                              |       |           |             |                   |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| above  | adjacent to                  | below | elsewhere | opposite to | on the other side |
| here   | farther on                   | there | near      | nearby      | to the left/right |
| beside | to the east/west/north/south |       |           |             |                   |

## To Indicate Time

|           |                 |            |                |            |                    |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| afterward | as long as      | as soon as | after a while  | thereafter | until              |
| at length | presently       | shortly    | simultaneously | now        | until now          |
| at last   | at that time    | since      | so far         | soon       | subsequently       |
| when      | then            | before     | earlier        | formerly   | immediately        |
| lately    | in the meantime | meanwhile  | in the past    | later      | after a short time |
| recently  | temporarily     |            |                |            |                    |

## To Compare

|           |                  |          |                 |                |                     |
|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| similarly | in a like manner | likewise | in the same way | in like manner | in a similar manner |
|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|

## To Contrast

|             |                   |             |            |             |                      |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| after all   | on the contrary   | however     | although   | but         | despite              |
| still       | on the other hand | in spite of | yet        | and yet     | nevertheless         |
| though      | notwithstanding   | otherwise   | regardless | even though | but at the same time |
| in contrast |                   |             |            |             |                      |

## To Show Cause or Effect

|       |             |           |              |       |                  |
|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| then  | as a result | because   | consequently | hence | for this purpose |
| since | accordingly | therefore | thereupon    | thus  | to this end      |

## To Show Concession

|           |                  |           |               |         |         |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|
| after all | at the same time | of course | although true | granted | perhaps |
| and yet   | naturally        |           |               |         |         |

## To Conclude

|            |            |          |               |              |               |
|------------|------------|----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| all in all | altogether | in brief | in conclusion | to conclude  | in particular |
| in short   | in summary | that is  | on the whole  | to summarize |               |