



## Useful Transitional Words

An important part of writing is transitioning from one thought to another. The list below will help you to make articulate and clear transitions in your writing.

**To Add or Continue:** additionally, also, and, again, and then, besides, clearly then, consequently, equally important, following this further, finally, further, furthermore, in addition, in the light of the..., it is easy to see that, in the same way, lastly, moreover, nor, next, what's more, first (second, etc.), too

**To Compare:** after all, although, although this may be true but, balanced against, by comparison, but, compared to, conversely, however, on the other hand, on the contrary, nevertheless, vis-a-vis, meanwhile, in contrast, up against, where, whereas, yet

**To Continue a Line of Reasoning:** and, because, beside, furthermore, moreover, pursuing this further

**To Emphasize:** absolutely, always, definitely, emphatically, eternally, extremely, forever, in fact, indeed, in any case, naturally, never, obviously, perennially, positively, surprisingly, undeniably, unquestionably, without a doubt, without reservation

**To Give an Example:** for example, for instance, in this case, in this situation, in another case, on this occasion, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration

**To Prove:** because, besides, evidently, for, for the same reason, furthermore, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, moreover, obviously, since, that is

**To Show Exception:** despite, however, in spite of, nevertheless, of course, once in a while, sometimes, still, yet

**To Show Sequence:** A, B, C, and so forth. first, second, third, and so forth. after, afterward, and then, at this point, at this time, before this, concurrently, consequently, finally, following this, hence, next, now, previously, simultaneously, soon, subsequently, then, therefore, thus

**To Show Time:** after a few hours, and then, finally, formerly, first (second, etc.), immediately, later, next, previously, soon, then, thereafter

**To Summarize or Conclude:** accordingly, as a result, as I have shown, as I have said, consequently, hence, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, summing up, therefore, to conclude, thus,

**To Repeat:** as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted, in brief

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