

## **WORDS COMMONLY USED AS TRANSITIONS**

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Transitions are used to make writing flow and to achieve coherence. A transition may be a sentence or two that moves the reader from one paragraph to another, or it may be a word to help move the reader from one sentence to the next. Caution: Just adding a transitional word will not work if the ideas do not lead into each other (i.e., “All red cars are road hazards, besides lions stalk their prey”).

#### **Addition**

and, also, besides, further, further more, in addition, moreover, next, too, first, second

#### **Cause and Effect**

accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, hence, so...then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end

#### **Comparison**

again, also, in the same way, likewise, once more, similarly

#### **Concession**

although, it is true that, granted that, I admit that, it may appear that, naturally, of course

#### **Contrast**

although, but, despite, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, on the one hand...on the other hand, instead, regardless, still, though, yet

#### **Emphasis**

in fact, indeed, certainly

#### **Examples**

after all, even, for example, for instance, indeed, in fact, of course, specifically, such as, the following example, to illustrate

#### **Logical Relationship**

if, so, therefore, consequently, thus, as a result of, for this reason, since

**Place**

above, adjacent to, below, beyond, closer to, elsewhere, far, farther on, here, near, nearby, opposite to, there, to the left, to the right

**Sequence**

again, also, and, and then, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too.

Note: Do NOT use “firstly,” “secondly,” “thirdly,” etc.

**Similarity**

likewise, in the same way, in like manner, similarly

**Summary, Repetition, or Conclusion**

as a result, as has been noted, as I have said, as we have seen, as mentioned earlier, in any event, in conclusion, in other words, in short, on the whole, therefore, to summarize

**Time**

after a few days, after a while, afterward, as long as, as soon as, at last, at that time, before, earlier, immediately, in the meantime, in the past, lately, later, meanwhile, now, presently, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, then, thereafter, until, when