

Transitional Words and Phrases

If you can't elaborate upon your ideas, people will not fully understand what you have to say. The following transitional phrases will help you learn to develop your ideas. You will find that when you use these phrases, ideas and explanations follow and you will elaborate upon your ideas. With such elaboration, your writing will become engaging and convincing.

Categories of Transition and transitional words and phrases:

Adding to what's been said

Furthermore; of course; likewise; not only ... but also; in addition; we can also see that; to further strengthen this argument; It is also important to note that; As a matter of fact; to put it differently, to clarify; whenever; occasionally; to begin with; as soon as we understand that; in the first place; second of all; finally

Agreement

as a matter of fact; in the light of the fact that ; to say nothing of; similarly; of course;

Contradiction

although this may be true; despite the fact that; of course; *however*; but; on the other hand; on the contrary; admittedly; , regardless, in reality

Cause/effect; consequence

with this in mind; given that; granted; due to; in order to; in order to fully understand; by the same token; this idea helps us understand that, the importance of this is seen; consequently; for this reason

Example

since; given that; under those circumstances; certainly; *therefore*; It is important to realize; *whenever*; *because*; the most compelling evidence for this; A point often overlooked; To put it another way; for this reason; in other words; it is important to realize that; another key point; the most compelling evidence is; it must be remembered that; a point often overlooked is

Effect; Result

under those circumstances; consequently; for this reason; surprisingly, frequently; it is significant that

Conclusion

In conclusion; in either case; in the final analysis; usually; in essence; in fact; given these points; as has been shown above; given these points; ordinarily