

Transition Words and Phrases

The following is a list of transition words to help students write more meaningful and more fluent essays

Indicating similarity:

Again	For, for example, for instance
Also	Further, furthermore
And	In addition, in addition to
Another	In a like manner
As, as if	In the same way
As much as	In the same fashion
As though	Like, likewise
As well as	Moreover
Besides	Of course
Compared with	Similarly
Equally, equally important	Too

Indicating dissimilarity:

Although	In contrast
And yet	In place of
Another	In spite of
As if	Instead, instead of
As opposed to	Less important
Away from	Neither, neither...nor
Besides	Nevertheless
But	Notwithstanding
By comparison	On the contrary
Conversely	On the other hand
Despite	Otherwise
Different from, differing from	Regardless
Either...or	Still
Even if	Than
Even though	Unfortunately
However	Unless
In comparison, in comparison to	Unlike
	Whereas
	While
	Yet

Indicating cause, purpose, consequence, or result:

As Accordingly As a result As if As though Because Consequently For Finally For this reason Fortunately Hence In any case In fact In order to If...then	It began with It follows that May be due to Nevertheless Of course Provided that Since So, so that Then Therefore Thus Unfortunately
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Indicating priority or importance:

Above all Also Besides Equally important First, second, etc. For one reason Further, furthermore In addition	In the first place More (most) important Moreover Next Of greater importance Of lesser importance Provided that To begin with
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Indicating chronology or sequence:

After Afterwards Ago Already As soon as At first At last At length At present At the same time	Hereafter Immediately Initially In the first place or in the beginning In the meantime In the second place Last, lastly Later Long after Meanwhile
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<p>As Before During Earlier Eventually Even now Finally (the) final First, second, etc. First of all Following For a time Formerly Further, furthermore To begin with Today Until When While Yet</p>	<p>Next Now Not long after Once On (date) Preceding Presently Provided that Second, Secondly Several Since Sometimes Soon, soon after Some Subsequently Suddenly Then Thereafter Third</p>
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Indicating example or summary:

<p>As a result Another First, second, etc. For example For instance Further, furthermore In any case In any event In the first, second, etc. place In brief In conclusion In fact In addition</p>	<p>In other words In short On the whole Only Second, secondly Specifically Such as To begin with To illustrate To sum up</p>
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Conclusion Words

As a result Consequently For this reason In brief In other words In short	It follows that In fact On the whole Therefore Thus To summarize To sum up
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