

Tying it Together with Transitions

To help your readers along, it is imperative that readers follow your train of thought. Transitions help you connect ideas, sentences, and paragraphs together more clearly. Transitions signal to readers where the text is going, so they are usually inserted at the start of sentences.

ADDITION	CAUSE AND EFFECT	CHRONOLOGICAL	COMPARISON
Additionally Also And Besides Furthermore In addition In fact Indeed Moreover Too	Accordingly As a result Consequently Since So Then Therefore Thus	First, Second, Third, etc. Earlier Previously During While Simultaneously Subsequently Later Next Last	Along the same lines Also Equally In the same way Likewise Similarly
CONCESSION	CONCLUSION	CONJUNCTIONS	CONTRAST
Admittedly Although it is true Granted In spite of Naturally Nevertheless Of course Still To be sure	As a result Consequently Hence In Conclusion In short In sum Therefore Thus	For And Nor But Or Yet So	Although But By/In contrast Despite Even though However Nevertheless On the contrary Otherwise Whereas While Yet
ELABORATION	EMPHASIS	EXAMPLE	SUMMARY
Actually Because By extension In fact In other words That is To put it another way Ultimately	Absolutely Especially In particular It should be noted Undoubtedly Unquestionably Without a doubt	After all As an illustration Consider For example For instance Specifically Such as	In brief In other words In short To summarize

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