

USEFUL TRANSITIONS



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INTRODUCTION: Transitions create a smooth flow in your writing; in addition, they are grammatically important. They signal to your readers when changes are coming and help provide clues to better communicate the message you are trying to convey.

Transitions to Show Location:

above	among	beneath	in front of	on top of
across	around	beside	inside	outside
against	away from	between	into	over
along	back of	beyond	near	throughout
alongside	behind	by	off	to the right
amid	below	down	onto	under

Transitions to Show Time:

about	first	until	soon	then
after	second	meanwhile	later	next
at	third	today	afterward	in the meantime
before	prior to	tomorrow	immediately	as soon as
during	till	yesterday	finally	when
next week				

Transitions to Compare:

in the same way	likewise	as	also	like
similarly				

Transitions to Contrast:

but	yet	on the other hand	although	otherwise
however	in the meantime	still	even though	counter to
even so	nevertheless	on the contrary	conversely	as opposed to

Transitions to Emphasize a Point:

again	indeed	for this reason	truly	to repeat
with this in mind	in fact	to emphasize		

Transitions to Conclude or Summarize:

as a result	consequently	accordingly	in short	finally
thus	due to	to sum up	in conclusion	therefore
in summary	all in all			

Transitions to Add Information:

again	and	furthermore	next	also
besides	likewise	finally	additionally	equally important
along with	moreover	as well	in addition	for example
further	together with	another	for instance	plus

Transitions to Clarify:

that is	put another way	to clarify	in other words	stated differently
for instance				