

Transition Word Chart

First Besides yet Next SO  
these until Neither, nor  
In the first place  
those Before that  
either, or As Meanwhile Although  
if Then Finally whether, or Last  
but For instance and unless  
Ever since  
Likewise this Not only nor  
or  
However ALSO after while so that  
Because Still for Indeed  
Therefore Nevertheless When

**Transitions indicate relations**, whether within a sentence, paragraph, or paper. This list illustrates "relationships" between ideas, followed by words and phrases that can connect them.

**Addition:** also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

**Consequence:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so then, subsequently, therefore, thus, thereupon, wherefore

**Generalizing:** as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually

**Exemplifying:** chiefly, especially, for instance, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, specifically, such as

**Illustration:** for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case

**Emphasis** above all, chiefly, with attention to, especially, particularly, singularly

**Similarity:** comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, identically, likewise, similar, moreover, together with

**Exception:** aside from, barring, besides, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, other than, outside of, save

**Restatement:** in essence, in other words, namely, that is, that is to say, in short, in brief, to put it differently

**Contrast and Comparison:** contrast, by the same token, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, similarly, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless, in contrast

**Sequence:** at first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, the meantime, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion, with this in mind,

**Summarizing:** after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, in the long run, on balance, to sum up, to summarize, finally

**Diversion:** by the way, incidentally

**Direction:** here, there, over there, beyond, nearly, opposite, under, above, to the left, to the right, in the distance