

TRANSITIONS

Additive Transitions:

To add an additional idea or to further your argument:

additionally	besides (this)
also	not only (this) but also (this)
moreover	as well (as this)
in addition	what is more
furthermore	and

To show a similarity between two or more ideas:

similarly	in a like manner
likewise	by the same token
in the same way	equally

To refer to something you have already mentioned:

speaking about (this)	regarding (this)
as for (this)	on the subject of (this)
considering (this)	with/in respect to (this)
concerning (this)	

To clarify, emphasize, or explain something more clearly:

in other words	indeed
that is (to say)	besides
in fact	more importantly
as a matter of fact	after all
actually	

To introduce examples, illustrations, or more specific details:

(Be very careful not to write a fragment when using these!!!)

for example	especially
for instance	particularly
such as	for one thing
namely	to illustrate
specifically	

To show a contrasting idea or argument (counterargument):

alternatively	while
on the other hand	whereas
however	rather
in contrast	instead
conversely	but

To make a concession or give in a little bit, but still make your point:

still	regardless (of this)
yet	granted (this)
even so	notwithstanding (this)
nevertheless	admittedly
nonetheless	though
despite (this)	although
in spite of (this)	even though

To dismiss an idea and move on with your main point:

either way	all the same
whichever happens	in any case
in either case	in any event
in either event	at any rate
whatever happens	

Causal Transitions:

To show or establish reasons for something:

because (of the fact)	owing to (the fact)
since	for the (simple) reason that
due to (the fact that)	in that
in view of (the fact)	as (meaning “since”)

To show the results of a cause-effect relationship:

therefore	for this reason
consequently	as a result (of this)
thus/hence	because (of this)
so/so that/so much so that	accordingly

To show the consequences of something:

then	under those circumstances
if so	if not/otherwise
in that case	that being the case

To show purpose or intent:

so/so as to/ so that	in the hope that
in order to	for the purpose of
in order that	with this intention
with this in mind	

To show a conditional or hypothetical statement:

if	granted that
provided that	as/so long as
on the condition that	even/only if
given that	unless
in case	

Sequential Transitions:

These transitions are used to signal a chronological or logical sequence.

Numerical:

in the (first) place
initially...
secondly...
at first
to start with
to begin with
for a start
first of all

Continuation:

previously
after (this)
afterwards
eventually
subsequently
before (this)
next
then

Summation:

finally
eventually
at last
in the end
last but not least
as a final point
lastly
to conclude (with)

Digression:

by the way
incidentally
to change the topic

Resumption:

anyhow
anyway
at any rate
to get back to the point
to return to the subject
to resume

Conclusion:

in conclusion
to sum up
to summarize
in summary
in sum
as I have said
as was previously stated
as has been mentioned
as has been noted
then
given these points
therefore
so
consequently

thus
hence
on the whole
altogether
in all
all in all
overall
to make a long story
short
to put it briefly
briefly
in short
to be brief
in a word