

Transitions for purpose

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| For this purpose | In order to | To that end |
| In order that | So that | To this end |

Transitions for argument or proof

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|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Accordingly | Despite | In addition | Nevertheless | Therefore |
| Admittedly | Even so | In any case | Nonetheless | Thus |
| Although | Even though | In conclusion | Obviously | To be sure |
| At this level | Evidently | Indeed | Of course | Truly |
| Because | For | In fact | On the one | Whatever the |
| Besides | For the same | In light of this | hand... On | case may be |
| But | reason | evidence | the other hand | What's more |
| Certainly | Furthermore | In summary | Regardless | |
| Clearly, then | Granted | Meanwhile | Since | |
| Consequently | However | Moreover | That is | |

Transitions for exemplification, illustration, addition or clarification

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Additionally | For instance | More importantly | Specifically | The next part |
| Again | Further | Moreover | Such as | To add |
| Also | Furthermore | Most importantly | Take the case of | To clarify |
| And then | Generally | One characteristic... | That is to say | To demonstrate |
| As an illustration | speaking | Another characteristic | The final type | To explain |
| Besides | i.e., (that is) | One example... | The first | To illustrate |
| Besides that | In addition | another | (second, third) | To put it another |
| Case in point | In another case | example | category | way |
| Equally | In general | One kind... another | The last group | To rephrase it |
| important | In other words | kind | The most | What's more |
| Finally | In particular | One way... Another | important | |
| First | In the same way | way | component | |
| Following this | In this case | On this occasion | The most important | |
| further | In this situation | Point in fact | example... The | |
| For example | Like | Pursuing this further | next example | |

Transitions for emphasis or repetition

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Absolutely | Certainly | In brief | Obviously | To repeat |
| Always | Definitely | Indeed | Of course | Undeniably |
| As I have noted | Emphatically | In fact | Perennially | Undoubtedly |
| As I have said | Eternally | Naturally | Positively | Unquestionably |
| As has been noted | Extremely | Never | Surely | Without a doubt |
| Assuredly | Forever | Nobody denies | Surprisingly | Without reservation |
| By all means | In any case | No doubt | To be sure | |

Transitions for comparison and contrast

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| Although | Despite | Likewise | hand... On the | Vis à vis |
| After all | Even though | Meanwhile | other hand | Where |
| As | However | Nevertheless | Otherwise | Whereas |
| Balanced against | In comparison | Nonetheless | Similarly | While |
| But | In contrast | Of course | Still | Yet |
| By comparison | In the same way | Once in a while | Though | |
| Compared to | In spite of | On the contrary | Unlike | |
| Conversely | Like | On the one | Up against | |

Transitions for concession and exception

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Admittedly | Granted | Nevertheless | Once in a while | Though |
| Although this may be true | However | Nonetheless | Perhaps | To be sure |
| Certainly | In spite of | Of course | Regardless | True |
| Despite | It is true that | Of course, it is true that | Sometimes | Yet |
| | Maybe | | Still | |

Transitions for cause and effect

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| Accordingly | Because | For this reason | The first (second, third) cause / effect | important cause / effect |
| Another cause | Consequently | On account of | | Therefore |
| Another effect | For | Since | | |
| As a result | For that reason | So | The most | |

Transitions for narration and process

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| After | At first | third | Meanwhile | (second, third) step |
| After a few hours (days, months, years) | At last | Firstly... | Nearly | The next step |
| After that | At the same time | secondly... thirdly | Never | The last step |
| Afterwards | Before | Formerly | Next | Then |
| Almost | Before long | Frequently | Now | Thereafter |
| Always | By this time | Immediately | Once | Two hours (days, months, years) later |
| As | Earlier | In the first place | Previously | |
| As soon as | Eventually | In the meantime | Soon | |
| | Finally | Later | Subsequently | |
| | First... second... | Later on | The first | When/While |

Transitions for description

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|---------|-------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Above | Beyond | Inside | On one side... On the other side | The least important |
| Behind | In | Nearby | | The most important |
| Below | In back of | Next to | Outside | Under |
| Between | In front of | On | Over | |

Transitional chains

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| Basically... similarly... as well | In the first place... pursuing this further... finally |
| First(ly)... second(ly)... third(ly)... | In the light of the... it is easy to see that |
| Generally... furthermore... finally | In this case... in another case |
| In the first place... also... lastly | To be sure... additionally... lastly |
| In the first place... just in the same way... finally | |

Transitions for conclusion or summarization

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|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Accordingly | Finally | In final analysis | In summary | To summarize |
| As a result | Hence | In final consideration | Lastly | To sum up |
| As I have said | In brief | In general | On the whole | Therefore |
| As I have shown | In conclusion | In sum | Summing up | Thus |
| Consequently | Indeed | | To conclude | |

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