

Transition Words for Writing



Using Transition Words in Your Writing

- ✓ Help establish clear connections between ideas
- ✓ Help sentences and paragraphs flow together smoothly
- ✓ Help your reader draw conclusions or compare ideas

Sequence	again, also, and, and then, besides, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, next
Time	after, before, currently, during, eventually, finally, formerly, immediately, initially, lastly, next, previously, simultaneously, until
Comparison (similar)	likewise, similarly, in the same way, also, once more, again
Contrast (different)	however, in contrast, on the other hand, at the same time, in spite of this,
Example	for example, for instance, specifically, such as, to illustrate, more specifically
Cause and Effect	as a result, therefore, consequently, for this reason, because of this, with this in mind, due to
Place	here, there, nearby, beyond, above, adjacent to, further on, closer to, opposite to, to the left or right
Summary or Conclusion	as a result, as I have said, in summary, therefore, to summarize, in conclusion, on the whole, overall, to put it briefly, given these facts



Transition words help your reader be better prepared for what is coming next. Use them carefully to help your reader comprehend your message.