

ENGLISH 12

TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS:

A word or phrase used to link ideas, sentences, or paragraphs is called a transition. Transitional expressions serve to give flow and coherence to a piece of writing. It is important to understand and convey the link you mean and the one that serves an appropriate purpose.

Part A: This list is designed to work with certain types of writing: narrative, comparison, causal, persuasive/research. Often good writing is a combination of various types, but consider the focus of the paper to help you select words to use as transition.

TO SHOW TIME AND SEQUENCE	TO COMPARE AND CONTRAST	TO SHOW CAUSE AND EFFECT	TO OFFER EXAMPLES AND CONCLUSIONS
meanwhile, eventually	Likewise, similarly	Therefore, thus	For instance, in short
soon, later, first, second	In the same way	As a result, hence	For examples
then, finally, also	However, nevertheless	Accordingly	After all, in fact
besides, furthermore	Still, on the other hand	Consequently	Of course,
moreover, too	On the contrary	otherwise	In conclusion
in addition	Even so		In other words, on the whole

Part B: This list is separated based on focus of the sentence or paragraph.

ADDITION	Again, also, and, and then, besides, equally important, finally, first, further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, last, moreover, next, second, still, too
COMPARISON	Also, in the same way, likewise, similarly
CONCESSION	Granted, naturally, of course, additionally
CONTRAST	Although, and yet, at the same time, but at the same time, despite that, even so, even though, for all that, however, in contrast, in spite of, instead, nevertheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the other hand, otherwise, regardless, still, though, yet
EMPHASIS	Certainly, indeed, in fact, of course
EXAMPLE OR ILLUSTRATION	After all, as an illustration, even, for example, for instance, in conclusion, indeed, in fact, in other words, in short, it is true, of course, namely, specifically, that is, to illustrate, thus, truly
SUMMARY	All in all, altogether, as has been said, finally, in brief, in conclusion, in other words, in particular, in short, in simpler terms, in summary, on the whole, that is, therefore, to put it differently, to summarize
TIME SEQUENCE	After a while, afterward, again, also, and then, as long as, at last, at length, at that time, before, besides, earlier, eventually, finally, formerly, further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, in the past, last, lately, meanwhile, moreover, next, now, presently, second, shortly, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, still, subsequently, then, thereafter, too, until, until now, when

For more information on transitions, check out the following web site:

<http://www.dersimizingilizce.com/writing%20web%20pages/transitions.htm>