

# TRANSITION WORDS

## What are transitions and how are they used?

- transitions are phrases or words used to connect one idea to the next
- transitions are used to help the reader progress from one significant idea to the next
- transitions also show the relationship within a paragraph (or even within a sentence) between the main idea and the support the author gives for those ideas

Different transitions do different things....

### Time and Sequence:

first	before	earlier	yesterday	once	immediately
second	now	later	tomorrow	meanwhile	suddenly
next	soon	finally	again	when	third
then	afterward	last	still	too	during
and then	in the meantime		as soon as	as long as	
after awhile	at that time		in the past		

### Cause/Effect Transition:

so	then	because	of	consequently	when
if	since	therefore	due to	as a result of	while
as a result	for this purpose				

### Compare and Contrast:

like	although	but	also	otherwise	however
unlike	again	despite	instead	similarly	
while	besides	either	or	neither	nor
in the same way	on the other hand		once more	even though	
on the contrary	neither/nor				

### Location:

above	below	among	nearby	next to	opposite
beneath	beside	beyond	elsewhere	far	here

near	nearby	there	under	over	between
in front of	adjacent to	closer to	further on		
to the right	to the left	opposite to			

**Examples:**

even	for example	for instance	to illustrate	besides
after all	in fact	such as	furthermore	in addition

**Clarify and Conclusion:**

therefore	as a result	in any event	on the whole
in summary	as I have said	in other words	as we have seen
in conclusion	as mentioned earlier	to conclude	

**Addition:**

indeed	further	for example	either	neither
also	moreover	or	alternatively	too
and	furthermore	besides	in addition	actually
in addition	in fact	as well as	additionally	equally important
	as a matter of fact	on the other hand		

**Introduction:**

such as	as	particularly	including	especially
for example	like	in particular	for one thing	to illustrate
for instance				

**Summation/Conclusion:**

to conclude	eventually	finally	lastly	therefore
in the end	at last	in summary	overall	in conclusion

## Transition Words

Tie your leads together with transition words.

Show Location:	Compare and Contrast:	Show Time:	Clarify:	Add Information:
Above	Similarly	First	In other words	Besides
Beneath	Either/or	Second	As a result	Considering
Beyond	However	Third	In short	In addition
In back of	Otherwise	Last	To put it another way	For example
In front of	Even though	During	Putting it simply	Furthermore
Next to	Neither/nor	Later		Equally important
Under	In the same way	Next		Another thought
Over	On the other hand	Earlier		
Amid		Before		
On top of		Afterward		
		Then		
		Soon		