

# Transitional Words and Phrases: A Guide

<i>Word Type</i>	<i>Examples</i>
<b>Addition</b>	again, also, and, and then, besides, equally important, finally, first, further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, last, moreover, next, second, still, too
<b>comparison</b>	also, in the same way, likewise, similarly
<b>Concession</b>	granted, naturally, of course, although it's true that
<b>Contrast</b>	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
<b>Emphasis</b>	certainly, indeed, in fact, of course
<b>Example or Illustration</b>	after all, as an illustration, even, for example, for instance, indeed, in fact, in other words, in short, it is true, of course, namely, specifically, that is, illustrates, thus, truly, demonstrates, illuminates, portrays
<b>Summary or Conclusion</b>	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
<b>Time sequence</b>	after a while, afterward, again, also, and then, as long as, at last, at length, at that time, before, besides, earlier, eventually, finally, formerly, 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

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## Addition

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also  
and

and then  
besides  
equally important  
finally  
first  
further  
furthermore  
in addition  
in the first place  
last  
moreover  
next  
second  
still  
too

## **Concession**

Granted  
Naturally  
of course  
although it's true that

## **Comparison**

also  
in the same way  
likewise  
similarly

## **Contrast**

although  
and yet  
at the same time  
but at the same time  
despite that  
despite the fact 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/ Illustration**

after all  
as an illustration  
even  
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## **Summary/ Conclusion**

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altogether  
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in other words  
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on the whole  
that is  
therefore  
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## **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

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