

Transition Words: Little Words That Do a Lot

Function	Examples of Transition Words
Illustration	thus, for example, for instance, namely, to illustrate, in other words, in particular, specifically, such as
Contrast	despite, on the contrary, but, however, nevertheless, in spite of, in contrast, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, rather, or, nor, conversely, at the same time, although this may not be true, surely, notwithstanding, indeed...but
Addition	in addition to, furthermore, moreover, besides, too, also, equally important, again, further, last, finally, not only...but also, both...and another, as well as, in the second place, next, likewise, similarly, in fact, as a result, consequently, in the same way, for example, for instance, however, thus, therefore, otherwise
Time	since, afterward, before, then, once, next, last, at length, formerly, rarely, usually, finally, soon, meanwhile, later, ordinarily, generally, in order to, subsequently, previously, immediately, eventually, concurrently, simultaneously
Concession	although, at any rate, at least, still, though, even though, granted that, although it may be true, in spite of, of course
Comparison (Similarity)	similarly, likewise, in like fashion, in like manner, analogous to
Emphasis	above all, indeed, truly, of course, certainly, surely, in fact, really, in truth, again, besides, also, furthermore, in addition
Details	specifically, especially, in particular, to explain, to list, to enumerate, in detail, namely, including
Examples	for example, for instance, to illustrate, thus, in other words, as an illustration, in particular
Consequence or Result	so that, with the result that, thus, consequently, hence, accordingly, for this reason, therefore, so, because, due to, as a result, in other words, then
Summary	altogether, in other words, in particular, in short, in simpler terms, in summary, that is, to put it differently, to summarize, therefore, finally, consequently, thus, in conclusion, in brief, as a result, accordingly
Suggestion	for this purpose, to this end, with this in mind, with this purpose in mind, therefore
Concluding	therefore, thus, so, and so, hence, consequently, finally, on the whole, all in all, in other words, in short
Trace Cause and Effect	accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, otherwise
Pro	of course, no doubt, doubtless, undoubtedly, to be sure, whereas, granted that, certainly, perhaps, conceivably, although