

## Transition Words

Transition words ensure coherence from one idea to another and overall flow in a paper. They allow the writer to go from one idea to the next, and they help the reader to see how these ideas are connected. When choosing a transition word, make sure that it expresses the right relationship between two ideas.

### Addition

To specify or reinforce an idea, use transition words like:

additionally	equally important	indeed	likewise
also	furthermore	in fact	moreover
as well	in addition	in the same way	similarly

### Causality

To draw a relationship of cause and effect between two elements, use transition words like:

accordingly	consequently	next	then
as a result	for this reason	since	therefore
because	hence	subsequently	thus

### Conclusion

To end a discussion on a topic, use transition words like:

finally	in conclusion	therefore	to sum up
in any case	in short	thus	ultimately
in brief	regardless	to conclude	without a doubt

### Condition

To establish a condition, set limits, or consider another point of view, use transition words like:

admittedly	generally	of course	rarely
considering	granted	often	sometimes
for the most part	occasionally	ordinarily	(un)fortunately

### Contrast

To oppose two or more ideas, use transition words like:

although	instead	on the one hand . . .	regardless
despite	nevertheless	. . . on the other hand	whereas
however	on the contrary	rather	yet

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## Emphasis

To place more importance on an idea in an effort to get the reader's attention, use transition words like:

above all	essentially	most of all	particularly
again	in particular	most significantly	primarily
certainly	most importantly	notably	specifically

## Example

To introduce an example, use transition words like:

an example of this is	for example	in this case	to demonstrate this
as an example	for instance	like	to illustrate this
e.g.	in one such case	take a look at	such as

## Introduction

To introduce a new idea, use transition words like:

as for	initially	primarily	to begin
concerning	in the case of	regarding	when it comes to
firstly	in the first place	similarly	with regard(s) to

## Progression

To establish the order in which ideas follow one another, use transition words like:

according to this	before	. . . second	not only . . .
after	earlier on	. . . third	. . . but also
as previously stated	first . . .	for this reason	prior to

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