

Transitions

Transitions help the reader move smoothly from one idea to the next. You should use transitions in your writing to communicate the relationship between points. Be sure to select the transition that best fits the idea you intend to express. Use different, but appropriate, transitions throughout your paper.

It is also important to use transitional words and phrases to move from one paragraph to another paragraph. You can use a word, phrase, or sentence to connect a previous paragraph to a new one. These transitions help maintain coherence and flow in your essay. Present Another Point (Transitions of Addition)

additionally	again	also	and	besides	further
furthermore	in addition	moreover	next	second	too

Give an Example

for example	for instance	in fact
in particular	specifically	such as

Show Contrast

although	but	conversely	however	in contrast	nevertheless
on the contrary	on the other hand	still	though	whereas	yet

Show Comparison

also	as well as	in the same manner
in the same way	likewise	similarly

Indicate Cause/Effect

as a result	because	consequently	for this reason	if
in effect	hence	since	so	therefore

Summarize/Conclude

consequently	finally	in brief	in conclusion	in other words
in summary	on the whole	therefore	thus	to conclude

Indicate Time

after	at the same time	before	during	earlier	finally
gradually	immediately	later	meanwhile	next	now
previously	simultaneously	soon	suddenly	then	when

Indicate Place

above	across	alongside	around	behind	below
beside	beyond	close to	far	far from	inside
near	nearly	near to	outside	surrounding	to the right