

Transitions & Linking Words

Transitions and linking words perform an important function in writing. They signal to the reader the direction the writer is taking. They do this by connecting or linking ideas within a paragraph and providing a bridge between paragraphs. Remember to proofread the writing assignment to make sure transitions are used effectively.

To show addition:

additionally	finally	lastly	along with
again	first, second, etc.	likewise	as well
also	further	moreover	equally important
and,	furthermore	next	for example
another	incidentally	nor	for instance
besides		too	in addition
			what's more

To show time:

about	first, etc.	previously	after a few hours
after	following	soon	as soon as
afterward	formerly	subsequently	in the future
at	immediately	then	soon after
before	later	thereafter	
currently	meanwhile	till	
during	next	today, etc.	
eventually	next week	until	
finally		when	

To show location:

above	behind	here	away from
across	below	near	at the side
adjacent	beneath	nearby	in the back
against	beside	off	in back of
along	between	onto	in the background,
among	beyond	outside	in the distance
along	by	over	in the front
among	down	there	in the foreground
around	inside	throughout	on top of
	into	under	to the right

To show comparison:

also	meanwhile	after all	in the same way
as	similarly	at the same time	in the same manner
like	simultaneously	by and large	in the same way
likewise		in comparison	

To show contrast:

although
but
conversely
however
nevertheless

nonetheless
notwithstanding
otherwise
still
true

yet
although this is
and yet
even though
for all that

in contrast
on the contrary
on the other hand
while this is true

To emphasize a point:

again
obviously
truly
undoubtedly

as a matter of
fact
for this reason

in fact
to emphasize
to repeat

To clarify:

for instance

in other words

put another way

that is

To give examples:

namely
specifically

as an illustration
for example
for instance

to demonstrate
to illustrate

To introduce as a result:

accordingly
consequently
so

therefore
thus

as a result
due to this

To introduce conclusions:

accordingly
consequently
finally
hence

so
therefore
thus

as a result
in brief
in conclusion
in short

in summary
on the whole
to conclude

To summarize:

finally

by and large
in brief
in conclusion

in summary
on the whole

summing up
to conclude