

TRANSITION WORDS

Agreement / Addition / Similarity

The transition words like *also*, *in addition*, *and*, *likewise*, **add information**, **reinforce ideas**, and **express agreement** with preceding material.

in the first place	to say nothing of	as well as
not only ... but also	equally important	together with
as a matter of fact	by the same token	of course
in like manner	again	likewise
in addition	equally	comparatively
coupled with	identically	correspondingly
in the same fashion / way	uniquely	similarly
first, second, third	like	furthermore
not to mention	moreover	additionally

Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

Transition phrases like *but*, *rather* and *or*, express that there is evidence to the **contrary** or point out **alternatives**, and thus introduce a change the line of reasoning (**contrast**).

although this may be true	in reality	although
in contrast	after all	instead
different from	but	whereas
of course ..., but	(and) still	despite
on the other hand	unlike	conversely
on the contrary	or	otherwise
at the same time	(and) yet	however
in spite of	while	rather
even so / though	albeit	nevertheless
be that as it may	besides	nonetheless
then again	as much as	regardless
above all	even though	notwithstanding

Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific **conditions** or **intentions**.

in the event that	seeing / being that	lest
granted (that)	in view of	in case
as / so long as	If ... then	provided that
on (the) condition (that)	unless	given that
for the purpose of	when	only / even if
with this intention	whenever	so that
with this in mind	while	so as to
in the hope that	because of	owing to
to the end that	as	inasmuch as
for fear that	since	due to
in order to	while	

Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words	on the positive / negative side	frequently
to put it differently	with this in mind	significantly
for one thing	notably	in fact
as an illustration	including	in general
in this case	like	in particular
for this reason	to be sure	in detail
to put it another way	namely	for example
that is to say	chiefly	for instance
with attention to	truly	to demonstrate
by all means	indeed	to emphasize
important to realize	certainly	to repeat
another key point	surely	to clarify
first thing to remember	markedly	to explain
most compelling evidence	especially	to enumerate
must be remembered	specifically	such as
point often overlooked	expressively	
to point out	surprisingly	

Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition words (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a **consequence** or an **effect**.

Note that *for* and *because* are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result	thus	therefore
under those circumstances	because the	thereupon
in that case	then	forthwith
for this reason	hence	accordingly
for	consequently	henceforth

Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude**, **summarize** and / or **restate** ideas, or indicate a final **general statement**. Also some words (like *therefore*) from the **Effect / Consequence** category can be used to summarize.

as can be seen	after all	overall
generally speaking	in fact	ordinarily
in the final analysis	in summary	usually
all things considered	in conclusion	by and large
as shown above	in short	to sum up
in the long run	in brief	on the whole
given these points	in essence	in any event
as has been noted	to summarize	in either case
in a word	on balance	all in all
for the most part	altogether	