

Transition Words

Transition words interlock the sentences in an essay like puzzle pieces, making it flow smoothly.

Addition: in addition, again, moreover, further, furthermore, finally, lastly, at last, in conclusion, first, second, in the third place (not firstly, secondly, and so on), once again

Comparison: similarly, likewise, in like manner, whereas, but, on the other hand, except, by comparison, where compared to, up against, balanced against

Contrast: but, however, yet, still, nevertheless, on the other hand, after all, for all of that, on the contrary, notwithstanding, in contrast

Emphasis: in fact, indeed, in any event, certainly, definitely, never, extremely, absolutely, always, forever, perennially, eternally, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation

Example: for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of ..., proof of this, evidence of this, thus, in this manner

Exception: yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometime

Place: near, beyond, opposite to, adjacent to, at the same place, here, there

Proof: for the same reason, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition

Purpose: to this end, with this object, for this purpose

Result: accordingly, thus, consequently, hence, therefore, wherefore, thereupon

Sequence: first, second, third, next, then, following, this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, after this, subsequently, soon, finally, consequently, before this, previously, preceding this, simultaneously, concurrently, at this time, therefore, hence

Summary: in brief, on the whole, in sum, to sum up

Time: at once, immediately, meanwhile, at length, in the meantime, at the same time, in the end, in the interim, then

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