

Transitional Phrases

Below are some example transitions and connective phrases for particular purposes.

Conjunctions

and
but
or
for nor
neither
so
yet

To Summarize

in all
in a word
in brief
briefly
in other words
in short
in summary
that is

To Explain, Give Reasons

actually
admittedly
because
certainly
for example
in fact
indeed
really
of course
since
that is

To Compare

by comparison
here again
in the same way
in a similar manner
likewise
similarly
so too
as
also
equally

To Contrast

conversely
however
instead
in spite of that
anyhow
on the contrary
on the other hand
otherwise
rather than
still
yet

To Show Cause and Effect

accordingly
as a consequence
as a result
consequently
for this reason
hence
it follows that
so/so that
then
therefore
thus

To Add Information and

Reasons
add to this
again
also besides
equally
further
furthermore
in addition
moreover
once more
then too
too
yet again
yet another

To Show Various Conditions

in this event
in these circumstances
under such circumstances
this (that) being so
provided that
in spite of
none/nevertheless
at the same time
even if
if unless
otherwise
although
even though
though
despite

To Show Conviction

after all
at least
at the same time
apparently
even so
evidently
certainly
conceivably
conclusively
doubtless
no doubt
perhaps
possibly
presumably
probably
surely
undoubtedly

To Show Concession

admittedly
after all
all the same
at any rate
granted
however
in any case
in spite of
it is true that
nevertheless
obviously
of course
still
to be sure

To Show Chronological Order

after that
afterwards
later
shortly
subsequently
concurrently
in the meantime
in the meanwhile
now
simultaneously
when/while/was
first, second, etc.
formerly
earlier
previously
before that
then
already
at last
at length
by that time
finally

To List or Show Logical Order

for example
for instance
in particular
to illustrate
the one ... the other
this ... that
these ... those
here ... there
either ... or
neither ... nor
whether ... or
though ... yet
wherever ... there
since ... then
the more ... the more
not only ... but also

To introduce Topic

as for
concerning
with regard to
with respect to

To Show Purpose

in order that
in order to
so that