



Transitional Words and Phrases¹

To Add:

and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, nor, too, next, lastly, what's more, moreover, in addition, first (second, etc.),

To Compare:

whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the other hand, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, vis a vis, but, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast, although this may be true

To Prove:

because, for, since, for the same reason, evidently, demonstrably, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in any case, that is, obviously

To Show Exception:

but, yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes

To Show Chronology:

prior to, immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first (second, etc.), next, then

To Show Sequence:

first, second, third, and so forth. next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence, next, and then, soon

To Repeat:

in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted, again

To Emphasize:

definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation

To Give an Example:

for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, other examples include, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration

To Summarize or Conclude:

in brief, on the whole, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have demonstrated, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently, on the whole

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