

Some Useful Transitional Expressions

| If you want to: | Use these transitional expressions: |
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| Add | also, and, and then, as well, besides, beyond that, first (second, third, last, and so on), for one thing, furthermore, in addition, in fact, moreover, next, what is more |
| Compare | also, as well, both (neither), in the same way, in like manner, likewise, similarly |
| Contrast | although, be that as it may, but, even though, however, in contrast, instead, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, yet, whereas |
| Concede (a point) | certainly, granted that, of course, no doubt, to be sure |
| Emphasize | above all, especially, in fact, in particular, indeed, most important, surely |
| Illustrate | as a case in point, as an illustration, for example, for instance, in particular, one such, yet another |
| Place | above, beside, below, beyond, further, here, inside, nearby, next to, on the far side, outside, to the East (North, South, and so on) |
| Qualify | perhaps |
| Give a reason | as, because, for, since |
| Show a result | and so, because of this, as a consequence, as a result, consequently, incidentally, for this reason, hence, so, therefore, thus |
| Summarize | all in all, finally, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, in other words, lastly, on the whole, to sum up |
| Place in time | after a while, afterward, as last, at present, briefly, currently, during, eventually, finally, first (second, and so on), gradually, immediately, in the future, later, meanwhile, now, recently, soon, suddenly, then |

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