

# TRANSITION WORDS



1. To signal addition of ideas	and, also, besides, further, furthermore, too, moreover, in addition, then, of equal importance, equally important, another
2. To signal time	next, afterward, finally, later, last, lastly, at last, now, subsequently, then, when, soon, thereafter, after a short time, the next week (month, day, etc.), a minute later, in the meantime, meanwhile, on the following day, at length, ultimately, presently
3. To signal order or sequence	first, second, (etc.), finally, hence, next, then, from here on, to begin with, last of all, after, before, as soon as, in the end,
4. To signify space and place	gradually above, behind, below, beyond, here, there, to the right (left), nearby, opposite, on the other side, in the background, directly ahead, along the wall, as you turn right, at the tip, across the hall, at this point, adjacent to
5. To signal an example	for example, to illustrate, for instance, to be specific, such as, moreover, furthermore, just as important, similarly, in the same way
6. To show results	as a result, hence, so, accordingly, as a consequence, consequently, thus, since, therefore, for this reason, because of this
7. To signal purpose	to this end, for this purpose, with this in mind, for this reason, for these reasons
8. To signal comparisons	like, in the same (like) manner or way, similarly
9. To indicate contrast	but, in contrast, conversely, however, still, nevertheless, nonetheless, yet, and yet, on the other hand, of course, on the contrary, or, in spite of this, actually, a year ago, now, notwithstanding, for all that, strangely enough, ironically
10. To signal alternatives, exceptions, and objections	although, though, while, despite, to be sure, it is true, true, I grant, granted, I admit, admittedly, doubtless, I concede, regardless
11. To dispute	it isn't true that, people are wrong who say that, deny that, be that as it may, by the same token, no doubt, we often hear it said, many people claim, many people suppose, it used to be thought, in any case
12. To intensify	above all, first and foremost, importantly, again, to be sure, indeed, in fact, as a matter of fact, as I have said, as has been noted
13. To summarize or repeat	in summary, to sum up, to repeat, briefly, in short, finally, on the whole, therefore, as I have said, in conclusion, as you can see

## Transitional Word Exercise

### Circle the Correct Answer

- I turned in all my late work today, **so** my grades went from a D to a B+.  
a. addition, b. Time, c. comparison, d. cause and effect (Results)
- Even though** he did poorly on the test, he will still be successful in school because he never gives up trying his best.  
a. addition, b. Time, c. contrast, d. comparison
- She got into UCLA with a lot of hard work, **just like** her brother.  
a. time, b. contrast, c. comparison, d. cause and effect
- \_\_\_\_\_ the invention of the iPhone, students played outside with their friends more often.  
a. Nevertheless, b. Because, c. Before
- If you have 3 tests on Friday, try start studying as soon as possible. \_\_\_\_\_, start studying today.  
a. For instance, b. In contrast, c. Similarly
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. S. Lewis is my favorite author, I have read all his books.  
a. Because, b. In spite of the fact, c. Although

### Write 3 sentences of your own using transitional words.

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