# Transitional Phrases

**Transitions**:

1. Make your writing flow by allowing readers to move smoothly from one topic, sentence, or idea to the next.

2. Clarify the relationships between ideas by building bridges between topics and ideas.

3. Allow readers to make connections between ideas and draw conclusions between what they are reading what they previously read.

## List of Transitions:

### Addition/Agreement/Similarity

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| and | correspondingly | coupled with |
| not only…but also | similarly | identically |
| also | likewise | together with |
| moreover | as a matter of fact | besides |
| additionally | not to mention | as well as |
| furthermore | to say nothing of | along with |
| in addition (to) | equally important | together with |
| comparatively | equally as (adjective) as | |

### Opposition/Limitation/Contrast/Contradiction/Exception

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| however | yet | rather |
| nevertheless | on the other hand | or |
| contrarily | though | yet |
| on the contrary | in contrast | while |
| despite | but | rather |
| in spite of | notwithstanding | regardless |
| even though…(reiterate first idea | otherwise | instead |
| | conversely | |

### Examples/Illustration

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| to illustrate | as an illustration | such as |
| | | as illustrated (by, in) |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| to demonstrate | e.g., (for example) | |
| specifically | for example | |
| for instance | as demonstrated (by, in) | |

## Summary/Restatement/Conclusion

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| as can be seen | after all | as has been noted |
| generally speaking | in fact | for the most part |
| in the final analysis | in summary | to summarize |
| all things considered | in conclusion | altogether |
| in the long run | in short | overall |
| given these points | in brief | finally |

## Effect/Consequence/Result

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| consequently | for | as a result |
| therefore | thus | under those circumstances |
| thereupon | because the | in that case |
| forthwith | then | for this reason |
| accordingly | hence | |
| henceforth | | |

## To show time

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| immediately | previously | subsequently |
| there after | formerly | aforementioned |
| after a few (hours, minutes, etc.) | henceforth | afterwards |
| finally | thereafter | this time |
| then | while | earlier |
| later | after | afterward |
| meanwhile | during | concurrently |
| | next | |