

## Transitional Devices

Transitions are devices that reveal relationships between your sentences, paragraphs, and ideas. They are intrinsic to the order of your paper, and they help to achieve unity by relating ideas in a paper to your thesis.

They should not appear excessively or appear to be tacked on at random, but they should always indicate the precise connection between one idea, sentence, or paragraph.

Here are some examples of the kinds of relationships you might wish to show and the words that will help you.

**CONSEQUENCE:** Therefore, then, thus, accordingly, as a result, consequently,

**SIMILARITY:** similarly, likewise

**COMPARISON:** in comparison, by comparison, compared to

**CONTRAST:** however, but, yet, nevertheless, on the one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, in contrast, whereas, except, conversely, meanwhile, although, however, still, nonetheless, while

**SUPPLEMENTATION:** in addition, further, furthermore, also, moreover, again, beside, next, and, equally important, what's more

**EXAMPLE:** for instance, for example, in this case, in this situation, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration

**CONCESSION:** granted, although, though, while, of course

**INSISTENCE:** anyway, indeed, in fact, obviously

**SEQUENCE:** first, second, third, finally, afterward, subsequently, consequently, hence, next, following

**RESTATEMENT:** that is, in other words, in short

**SUMMARY:** in conclusion, to conclude, to summarize, all these, altogether, in sum, in summary, on the whole, in brief, therefore, accordingly, as a result, thus

**TIME:** afterward, later, earlier, formerly, subsequently, at the same time, simultaneously, so far, until now, this time

**PURPOSE:** so that

**RESTRICTION:** provided that