

# Transitions

**Additions, Exceptions and Subtractions:** again, also, as well, next, another, and, besides, finally, for instance, moreover, in addition, for example, additionally, other, aside from..., barring, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, other than, outside of, save, without, as well as, coupled with, furthermore, likewise, similarly, to add, a further example, a more..., actually, after all, along with..., apart from..., basically, beyond, certainly, despite the fact..., first and foremost, in spite of..., plus

**Conclude and Summarize:** finally, lastly, as a result, therefore, to sum up, all in all, in conclusion, because, after all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, on the whole, in short, in summary, in final analysis, in the long run, to summarize, to conclude, this, indeed, in final consideration, overall

**Consequence, Condition and Result:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so then, subsequently, therefore, thus, thereupon, wherefore, abruptly, absolutely, aimlessly, amazingly, appropriately, as a matter of course, at any rate, auspiciously, candidly, collectively, considering..., despite everything, exclusively, expectedly, for the most part, for the sake of..., frankly, genuinely, granted that..., if..., impartially, impulsively, in actuality, in any case, in the interest of..., in truth, inevitably, most often, ordinarily, particularly, regardless of..., simply put, to this/that end, typically, unmistakably, with this/that in mind, without fail

**Compare/Contrast:** likewise, like, also, as, while, similarly, in the same way, but, however, yet, still, although, otherwise, on the other hand, even though, by the same token, in contrast, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the contrary, rather, nevertheless, comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, identically, similar, moreover, together with, albeit, allowing..., along these/those lines, be that as it may, comparably, contrarily, conversely, despite, equally important, granted, greatest, in any case, in any event, in spite of..., just as..., largest, least, most of all, notwithstanding, preferably, regardless, to a degree, unlike, whereas

**Emphasis, Restatement and Clarification:** again, to repeat, truly, in fact, especially, to emphasize, for this reason, that is, for instance, in other words, in essence, namely, that is to say, in short, in brief, to put it differently, chiefly, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, specifically, such as, with attention to, singularly, point in fact, actually, more specifically, simply put, alternately, as anticipated, clearly, consistently, definitely, every so often, habitually, in essence, most important, naturally, obviously, occasionally, periodically, persistently, practically, rarely, sporadically, therefore, this, undeniably, ultimately, visibly, willingly, without any doubt, yes, then again

**Generalizing:** as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually, in general, typically, mostly, most of the time, customarily, by and large, more often than not, regularly, characteristically, normally, naturally, routinely, commonly, on the whole

**Illustration:** for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case, such as, to expand, to demonstrate, case in point, to exhibit, to explain

**Location/Direction:** above, across, against, along, among, around, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, by, down, in back of, in front of, inside, into, near, off, onto, on top of, outside, over, throughout, to the right, under, here, there, over there, nearly, opposite, to the left, in the distance

**Sequence and Time:** while, after, at, before, during, now, until, meanwhile, today, tomorrow, next week, yesterday, soon, later, afterward, about, finally, then, next, as soon as, when suddenly, first, second, third, at first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, in the meantime, earlier, simultaneously, in conclusion, with this in mind, at last, before long

**Transitional Chains:**

first...second...third...

generally...furthermore...finally...

in the first place...also...lastly...

in the first place...pursuing this further...finally...

to be sure...additionally...lastly...

in the first place...just in the same way...finally...

basically...similarly...as well...

**General Use and Extras:** by the way, incidentally, admittedly, assuredly, certainly, granted, no doubt, nobody denies, obviously, of course, to be sure, true, undoubtedly, unquestionably, in general, at this level, in this situation, generally speaking, strangely, oddly, curiously, bizarrely, abnormally, extraordinarily, intriguingly, remarkably, weirdly, nonetheless, conversely

**Complex Transitions:** *repeat or echo key phrases or ideas from preceding paragraph to keep the reader on track, to unify the essay, and to give a sense of smoothness and flow to the essay.*

*Finally, if you still cannot figure out how to create a smooth transition, you may want to consider reorganizing your paragraphs by adding information to clarify ideas before the transition, which often leads to the next logical step of the paper and makes the type of transition needed much clearer.*