

TRANSITIONAL/LINKING WORDS AND PHRASES

The following linking words and phrases are a resource to help students writing.

To Add Information:

additionally	along with	also	and	and then
another	another argument	another example	another issue	another factor
another possible solution	another way	as well	besides	equally important
finally	first	first of all	for example	for instance
furthermore	in addition	lastly	likewise	moreover
next	together with			

To Clarify:

for example	for instance	in other words	put another way	stated differently
that is	to clarify			

To Compare Two Things or Show Similarities:

also	an example	as	both	in comparison
in the same manner	in the same way	like	likewise	similarly

To Contrast Two Things or Show Differences:

although	although this may be true	as opposed to	at the same time	but
conversely	even so	even still	even though	however
in contrast	in contrast to this	in the mean time	nevertheless	on the contrary
on the other hand	otherwise	still	unlike the	yet

To Emphasize a Point:

again	as it's been noted	as stated	first and foremost	for this reason
in fact	indeed	most importantly	the most common reason	the most important
the most significant	the primary reason	to emphasize	to repeat	truly
with this in mind				

To Show Time or Sequence:

about	after	afterward	at length	at that time
as soon as	before	during	finally	first
from beginning to end	from first to last	immediately	in conclusion	in the beginning
in the end	in the meantime	meanwhile	next	prior to
second	sequentially	subsequently	then	third
today	tomorrow	until	yesterday	

To Conclude or Summarize:

accordingly	all in all	as a result	at last	at the end of
consequently	due to	finally	hence	indeed
in brief	in closing	in conclusion	in fact	in short
in summary	lastly	on the whole	therefore	thus
to sum up	to summarize			