

Transitions

What is a transition? It is a word, phrase, sentence, or series of sentences connecting one part of a discourse to another. In other words, they move the reader from one idea to another. There are three ways to think of transitions: (1) They build bridges between ideas and events, (2) connect ideas and events, and (3) show the order of ideas and events. Transitions can be used to connect sentences or to connect paragraphs.

Following are 5 types of transitions organized by purpose:

Transitions that add or continue an idea

Additionally	Including
Afterwards	Initially
Again	Later
Also	Likewise
And	Meanwhile
As previously stated	Moreover
At least	Next
At length	Overall
At the same time	Presently
Besides	Previously
Embracing	Second
Encompassing	Since
Eventually	Soon
Extending	Subsequently
First	Supplementing
Furthermore	Then
In addition	To begin with
In conclusion	while

Transitions that show similarity between ideas

Again	Furthermore
Also	Likewise
And	In a like manner
As a matter of fact	In addition
As well	In the same way
Besides	Similarly
For example	In a similar case

Transitions that show contrast Between ideas

Although	Nevertheless
But	Nonetheless
Conversely	Notwithstanding
Despite	On the other hand
However	On the contrary
In contrast	Regardless
Indeed	Still
In spite of	Though
Instead	Yet
namely	While

Transitions that exemplify or illustrate your ideas

As an illustration
For example
For instance
In other words
In particular
That is

Transitions that show you are drawing a conclusion or showing a result

As a consequence
As a result
Consequently
Hence
Then
Therefore
Thus