

Transition Word Bank

Transition Words for Agreement/Addition/Similarity

in the first place
not only . . . but also
as a matter of fact
in like manner
in addition
coupled with
in the same
in the light of
not to mention
to say nothing of
equally important
by the same token
equally
moreover
as well as
together with
of course
likewise
comparatively
correspondingly
similarly
furthermore
additionally

Transition Words for Opposition/Limitation/Contradiction

although this may
in contrast
different from
of course . . . , but
on the other hand
on the contrary
at the same time

in spite of
even so/though
be that as it may
then again
above all
in reality
after all
(and) still
unlike
while
albeit
besides
although
instead
whereas
despite
conversely
otherwise
however
rather
nevertheless
regardless
notwithstanding

Transition Words for Examples/Support/Emphasis

in other words
as an illustration
in this case
for this reason
that is to say
with attention to
by all means
important to realize
another key point
point often overlooked

on the positive/negative side
with this in mind
notably
including
namely
chiefly
truly
indeed
in fact
in general
in particular
in detail
for example
for instance
to demonstrate
to emphasize
to repeat
to clarify
to explain
to enumerate
such as

Transition Words for Cause/Condition/Purpose

in the event that
granted (that)
as/so long as
on (the) condition (that)
for the purpose of
with this intention
with this in mind
in the hope that
to the end that
for fear that
(in order) to
seeing/being that

in view of
If . . . then
unless
when
whenever
since
while
because of
as
since
while
lest
in case
provided that
given that
only/even if
so that
so as to
owing to
due to

Transition Words for Effect/Consequence/Result

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

forthwith
accordingly
henceforth

Transition Words for Conclusion/Summary/Restatement

as can be seen
generally speaking
as shown above
in the long run
given these points
as has been noted
in a word
for the most part
after all
in fact
in summary
in conclusion
in short
in brief
in essence
to summarize
on balance
altogether
overall
ordinarily
usually
by and large
to sum up
on the whole
all in all
in any event
in either case

Transition Words for Time/Chronology/Sequence

at the present time
from time to time

sooner or later
at the same time
up to the present time
to begin with
in due time
until now
as soon as
in the meantime
in a moment
without delay
in the first place
all of a sudden
at this instant
immediately
quickly
finally
after
later
last
until
since
then
before
hence
since
when
once
about
next
now
formerly
suddenly
shortly
henceforth
whenever

eventually
meanwhile
further
during
first, second
in time
prior to
forthwith
straightaway
instantly
presently
occasion