

Transition Words and Phrases

To describe a sequence	again, also, and, and then, finally, first, second, third, next, still, too, and so forth, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently
To add an idea / argument	besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, nor, lastly, what's more, moreover, in addition
To prove a point	because, for, since, for the same reason, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, that is
To compare and contrast	whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the other hand, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, but, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast, although this may be true, still, though, yet, despite, as opposed to
To express time	immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few (hours), finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first (second, third, etc.), next, and then, as long as, as soon as, by this time next week
To develop cause and effect sets of ideas	as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, so, then, therefore, to this end
To express emphasis	definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, forever, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation
To mention exceptions	yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes
To offer examples	for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, to illustrate, such as
To summarize and conclude	in brief, on the whole, in short, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have shown, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently, as has been noted, as we have seen