

## ***Transitions glue our ideas and our essays together...***

*Transitions tell readers what to do with the information you present them. They function as signs for readers that tell them how to think about, organize, and react to old and new ideas as they read through what the writer has written.*

*They are words with particular meanings that tell the reader to think and react in a particular way to the writer's ideas. Transitions help readers understand the logic of how the writer's ideas fit together.*

*A transition can be a single word, phrase, a sentence, or an entire paragraph. Effective transitions are dependant upon the writer's ability to identify words or phrases that will convey logical relationships and organization in written communication.*

*The chart below was created to make it easier to find and use transitional words or phrases.*

### **Transitional Expressions:**

<b>LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP</b>	<b>TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSION</b>
<b>Similarity/Comparison</b>	also, in the same way, just as ... so too, likewise, similarly, again, once more, both, and also, equally evident, equally, in like manner, as, as if, as though
<b>Concession</b>	although it is true that, granted that, I admit that, it may appear that, naturally, of course, notwithstanding, to be sure, although, even if, even, even though, though
<b>Exception/Contrast</b>	but, however, in spite of, on the one hand ... on the other hand, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, in contrast, on the contrary, still, yet, although, despite, even though, instead, regardless, though, conversely, otherwise, whereas
<b>Sequence/Order</b>	Again, and, and then, besides, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too

## Transitional Expressions Continued:

<b>Time</b>	after, afterward, after a bit, after a few days, after awhile, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, lately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then, as long as, as soon as, at length, at that time, in the meantime, in the past, presently, shortly, since, so far, soon, thereafter, until, when, at first, eventually, finally, first(ly), formerly, gradually, last, next, originally, previously, suddenly, temporarily, before, whenever, while
<b>Example</b>	for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate, after all, even, indeed, in fact, of course, such as, the following example, as an illustration, in particular
<b>Emphasis</b>	even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly, not only / but also, above all, actually, after all, again, certainly, clearly, equally important, fortunately, in other words, more important(ly), most important(ly), naturally, obviously, plainly, surely, undoubtedly, without doubt
<b>Place/Position</b>	above, adjacent to, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby, there, closer to, elsewhere, far, farther on, near, opposite to, to the left, to the right
<b>Cause and Effect</b>	accordingly, as a result, because, for this purpose, then, thereupon, to this end, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus, for, after all, in order that, since

## Transitional Expressions Continued:

<b>Additional Support or Evidence</b>	additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then, and not only...but also both, and additionally, besides, likewise, too
<b>Conclusion/Summary</b>	finally, in a word, in brief, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, in summary, as a result, as has been noted, as I have said, as we have seen, as mentioned earlier, in any event, in other words, in short, therefore, so, all in all, in brief, on the whole
<b>Condition/Manner</b>	apparently, supposedly, as, as if, as though, if, inasmuch as, provided that, so that, unless, whenever, whether
<b>Alternatives</b>	either/or, neither/nor, whether, instead, on the other hand, otherwise