

COMPLETE TRANSITION WORDS REFERENCE SHEET

ADDITION & EMPHASIS

Adding information: Additionally, Also, Furthermore, Moreover, Besides, In addition, As well as, Not only...but also, Equally important, Likewise, Similarly

Emphasizing points: Indeed, Certainly, Obviously, In fact, Undoubtedly, Without a doubt, Clearly, Absolutely, Definitely, Particularly, Especially, Notably

CONTRAST & COMPARISON

Showing contrast: However, Nevertheless, Nonetheless, On the other hand, In contrast, Conversely, Although, Though, Even though, Despite, In spite of, Yet, Still, Rather, Instead, Alternatively

Comparing: Similarly, Likewise, In the same way, Just as, Compared to, By comparison, In comparison, Equally, Correspondingly

CAUSE & EFFECT

Showing cause: Because, Since, As, Due to, Owing to, For this reason, On account of

Showing effect: Therefore, Thus, Consequently, As a result, Hence, Accordingly, For this reason, So, Subsequently, Thereby, Resulting in

TIME & SEQUENCE

Sequential order: First, Second, Third, Next, Then, Finally, Lastly, Subsequently, Afterward, Following this, Previously, Before, After

Time relationships: Meanwhile, Simultaneously, Concurrently, At the same time, During, While, Immediately, Eventually, Ultimately, In the meantime, Soon, Lately, Recently, Currently, Presently

EXAMPLES & ILLUSTRATION

For example, For instance, Specifically, To illustrate, As an illustration, Such as, Including, Namely, In particular, As shown by, As demonstrated by

SUMMARIZING & CONCLUDING

Summarizing: In summary, To sum up, In brief, Briefly, In short, Overall, On the whole

Concluding: In conclusion, To conclude, Finally, Ultimately, All in all, In the end, All things considered, To summarize, In essence, Therefore, Thus

CLARIFICATION & RESTATEMENT

In other words, That is, To clarify, To put it differently, To rephrase, Namely, Specifically, More precisely, Simply put

CONCESSION & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Admittedly, Of course, Naturally, Granted, While it is true, Although, Though, Even though, Despite, Certainly, Indeed

CONDITION & HYPOTHESIS

If, Unless, Provided that, Assuming that, In the event that, In case, Even if, Whether, Suppose that, On condition that

LOCATION & SPATIAL ORDER

Above, Below, Next to, Opposite, Adjacent to, Beyond, Nearby, Here, There, Elsewhere, In front of, Behind, Inside, Outside

DEGREE & INTENSITY

Extremely, Considerably, Significantly, Substantially, Remarkably, Greatly, Highly, Particularly, Especially, Somewhat, Slightly, Moderately

ALTERNATIVE & CHOICE

Or, Either...or, Neither...nor, Alternatively, Otherwise, Instead, Rather than, On the other hand

PURPOSE & INTENT

To, In order to, For the purpose of, With this intention, So that, With the aim of, For this reason

USAGE TIP: Use transitions naturally—don't force them into every sentence. They should clarify relationships between ideas, not clutter your writing.