Transition Words Reference Guide

A categorized list of transition words and phrases that help writers create logical flow, connect ideas, and strengthen clarity across paragraphs and sentences.

1. Addition

Use these to introduce extra points, reinforce arguments, or add supporting details.

Words/Phrases:

- additionally
- moreover
- furthermore
- also
- in addition
- equally important
- alongside this
- not only... but also

2. Contrast

Use these to show differences, highlight opposing ideas, or introduce counterarguments.

Words/Phrases:

- however
- nevertheless
- on the other hand
- in contrast
- still
- despite this
- yet
- even so
- alternatively

3. Cause and Effect

Use these to explain reasons, results, or logical outcomes.

Words/Phrases:

- therefore
- consequently
- as a result
- thus
- because of
- due to
- for this reason
- hence

4. Examples and Illustration

Use these when giving examples, evidence, or clarifications.

Words/Phrases:

- for example
- for instance
- specifically
- such as
- in particular
- to illustrate
- namely
- one clear example is

5. Emphasis

Use these to highlight key points, stress importance, or signal crucial information.

Words/Phrases:

- importantly
- significantly
- above all
- indeed
- in fact
- notably
- without a doubt

6. Sequence and Organization

Use these to order steps, present ideas chronologically, or guide readers through your structure.

Words/Phrases:

- first, second, third
- next
- then
- finally
- afterward
- subsequently
- before this
- at the same time
- meanwhile