

Transition Words & Phrases Quick Reference Card

(Organized by Function)

To ADD or SHOW SEQUENCE

- Additionally
- Furthermore
- Moreover
- Also
- And
- Another
- First, Second, Third
- Next
- Then
- Finally
- In addition
- As well as

To PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE

- For example
- For instance
- Specifically
- To illustrate
- In particular
- Namely
- Such as
- As evidence
- Consider the case of

To COMPARE (Show Similarity)

- Similarly

- Likewise
- In the same way
- Just as
- Compared to
- In comparison
- Correspondingly

To CONTRAST (Show Difference)

- However
- On the other hand
- In contrast
- Conversely
- Whereas
- While
- Although
- Even though
- Nevertheless
- Nonetheless
- Unlike
- On the contrary

To Show CAUSE or REASON

- Because
- Since
- As
- Due to
- Owing to
- For this reason

To Show EFFECT or RESULT

- Therefore

- Thus
- Consequently
- As a result
- Hence
- Accordingly
- So
- For this reason

To EMPHASIZE or CONCEDE

- Indeed
- In fact
- Certainly
- Undoubtedly
- Granted
- Admittedly
- Of course
- Clearly
- Importantly

To SUMMARIZE or CONCLUDE

- In conclusion
- To summarize
- In summary
- Overall
- In short
- In brief
- Ultimately
- Finally
- To conclude

To Show TIME or CHRONOLOGY

- Before
- After
- Subsequently
- Meanwhile
- Simultaneously
- Eventually
- Previously
- Currently
- In the meantime

To CLARIFY or EXPLAIN

- In other words
- That is to say
- To clarify
- Simply put
- Namely
- To explain