Transitions & Linking Words

Transitions and linking words perform an important function in writing. They signal to the reader the direction the writer is taking. They do this by connecting or linking ideas within a paragraph and providing a bridge between paragraphs. Remember to proofread the writing assignment to make sure transitions are used effectively.

To show addition:

- additionally
- finally
- lastly
- along with
  - additionally
  - again
  - first, second, etc.
  - likewise
  - also
  - further
  - moreover
  - equally important
  - and,
  - furthermore
  - next
  - for example
  - another
  - incidentally
  - nor
  - for instance
  - besides
  - too
  - in addition
  - altogether
  - what’s more

To show time:

- about
- after
- afterward
- at
- before
- currently
- during
- eventually
- finally
  - about
  - after
  - afterward
  - at
  - before
  - currently
  - during
  - eventually
  - finally
  - first, etc.
  - following
  - formerly
  - later
  - meanwhile
  - next
  - next week
  - next day
  - next morning
  - previously
  - soon
  - subsequently
  - then
  - till
  - thereafter
  - until
  - when
  - after
  - as soon as
  - in the future
  - soon after

To show location:

- above
- across
- adjacent
- against
- along
- among
- along
- among
- around
- beside
- between
- by
- down
- inside
- into
- here
- near
- nearby
- off
- onto
- outside
- over
- there
- throughout
- under
- away from
- at the side
- in the back
- in back of
- in the background,
- in the distance
- in the front
- in the foreground
- on top of
- to the right

To show comparison:

- also
- as
- like
- likewise
- meanwhile
- after all
- in the same way
- similarly
- at the same time
- by and large
- in comparison
- in the same manner
- simultaneously
**To show contrast:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>although</th>
<th>nonetheless</th>
<th>yet</th>
<th>in contrast</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>but</td>
<td>notwithstanding</td>
<td>although this is</td>
<td>on the contrary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>conversely</td>
<td>otherwise</td>
<td>and yet</td>
<td>on the other hand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>however</td>
<td>still</td>
<td>even though</td>
<td>while this is true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nevertheless</td>
<td>true</td>
<td>for all that</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**To emphasize a point:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>again</th>
<th>as a matter of</th>
<th>in fact</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>obviously</td>
<td>fact</td>
<td>to emphasize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>truly</td>
<td>for this reason</td>
<td>to repeat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>undoubtedly</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**To clarify:**

| for instance | in other words | put another way | that is |

**To give examples:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>namely</th>
<th>as an illustration</th>
<th>to demonstrate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>specifically</td>
<td>for example</td>
<td>to illustrate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>for instance</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**To introduce as a result:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>accordingly</th>
<th>therefore</th>
<th>as a result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>consequently</td>
<td>thus</td>
<td>due to this</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>so</td>
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**To introduce conclusions:**

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<th>accordingly</th>
<th>so</th>
<th>as a result</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>consequently</td>
<td>therefore</td>
<td>in brief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>finally</td>
<td>thus</td>
<td>in conclusion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hence</td>
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</table>

**To summarize:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>finally</th>
<th>by and large</th>
<th>in summary</th>
<th>summing up</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>in brief</td>
<td>in conclusion</td>
<td>on the whole</td>
<td>to conclude</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>