This vocabulary of transition words for writing an Introduction was compiled in-class during Week 2.

**Component 1**

Popular

Promising

… are widely …

It is well known that …

X is considered to be the most important in regard to Y.

**Component 2**So far … / Recently / In the past decades  
Recently, focus has shifted to …

Numerous studies have … / Numerous studies have examined Y …

Much effort has been devoted to …

In previous cases, …

Several authors have recently proposed / Recent work has shown that …

Overall …

**Component 3**

However / Unfortunately

Therefore  
One significant drawback of …

One of the limitations of …

The advantages and limitations …

One attractive possibility …

Much less is known about …

Yet much less is known about / relatively little is known about X.

**Component 4**

In this paper, … / In the present research, … / Here, …  
This work aims to …

The following questions are addressed …