**TRANSITIONS**

Being familiar with different transitions and the logical direction each signals is the first step in using them effectively in your writing.

***PATTERNS OF ORGANIZATION AND THEIR TRANSITIONAL WORDS:***

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| **Addition (providing additional examples):**  furthermore, again, also, further, moreover, besides, likewise, and, indeed, in addition, too, next, first, second | **Cause and Effect (showing one element as producing or causing a result or effect):**  because, for this reason, consequently, hence, as a result, thus, due to, therefore, if, so, since |
| **Concession (acknowledging the merits of the counter argument before reasserting an opinion):**  whereas, granted that, even though, though, yet, while, although | **Illustration (explaining using examples):**  that is, for example, to illustrate, for instance, in fact, specifically, as seen in |
| **Comparison (listing similarities among items):**  in a similar way, similarly, parallels, likewise, in alike manner, also, in the same manner | **Contrast (listing differences among items):**  on the other hand, more than, but, however, conversely, on the contrary, although, nevertheless, still, in contrast, yet, even though |
| **Definition (defining a concept and expanding with examples and restatements):**  can be defined, means, for example, like, in short, specifically | **Description (listing characteristics or details using vivid language):**  is, as, like, could be described (using adjectives, adverbs and language that touches on the senses) |
| **Location or Spatial Order (identifying the whereabouts of objects or people):**  next to, near, below, above, close by, within, without, beside, around, to the right or left, opposite | **Narration or Time Order (listing events in order of occurrence):**  first, second, finally, after, before, next, later, now, at last, until, at the same time, while, during, as, meanwhile, then, immediately |
| **Simple Listing (randomly listing items in a series):**  also, another, several, for example | **Summary (condensing major points):**  in conclusion, to restate, briefly, to sum up, in short, in a nutshell, in other words, therefore, in summary |