

Transition and Signal Words for Essays

Always spell out full names first, then use abbreviations or last names only thereafter.

Sequence and Chronological Order Stems

After	(the) final	Long after	Soon, soon after
Afterwards	First, first of all	Meanwhile	Some
Ago	Following	Next	Subsequently
Already	For a time	Now	Suddenly
At last	Further, furthermore	Not long after	Then
At the same time		Once	Thereafter
As	Immediately	On (date)	Third
Before	Initially	Preceding	To begin with
During	In the first place	Presently	Today
Eventually	In the meantime	Second, secondly	Until
Even now	Last, lastly	Several	While
Finally	Later	Sometimes	

Compare and Contrast Stems

Although	Even though	Like	Regardless
Also	Equally	Likewise	Same as
As opposed to	important	Neither...nor	Similarly
As well as	However	Nevertheless	Still
But	In comparison	Notwithstanding	Unlike
By comparison	In contrast	On the contrary	Unless
Compared with	In like manner	Not only...but	Whereas
Conversely	In the same way	also	While
Despite	In spite of	On the other	Yet
Different from	Instead of	hand	
Either...or	Just as	Rather than	

Cause and Effect Stems

Accordingly	Consequently	May be due to	So that
As a result	Hence	Nevertheless	Then
As if	In order to	Provided that	Therefore
As though	If...then	Since	Thus
Because	It follows that	So	

Emphasis Words

Besides	Furthermore	Moreover	Of course
Certainly	Indeed	Obviously	

Stems for Examples

Another	First, second, etc...	Namely	That is
For example		Specifically	To illustrate
For instance	In addition	Such as	
Furthermore	Most important	To begin with	

Conclusion Words

As a result	In brief/short	In fact	Thus
Consequently	In other words	On the whole	To summarize
For this reason	It follows that	Therefore	To sum up