

Agreement / Addition / Similarity

The transition words like *also, in addition, and, likewise*, add information, reinforce ideas, and express agreement with preceding material.

in the first place	first, second,	to	as well as
not only ... but	third	and	together with
also	in the light, of	also	of course
as a matter of	not to mention	then	likewise
fact	to say nothing	equally	comparatively
in like manner	of	identically	correspondingly
in addition	equally	uniquely	y
coupled with	important	like	similarly
in the same	by the same	as	furthermore
fashion / way	token	too	additionally
	again	moreover	

Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

Transition phrases like *but, rather* and *or*, express that there is evidence to the contrary or point out alternatives, and thus introduce a change the line of reasoning (contrast).

although this	even so /	(and) yet	otherwise
may be true	though	while	however
in contrast	be that as it may	albeit	rather
different from	then again	besides	nevertheless
of course, ..., but	above all	as much as	nonetheless
on the other	in reality	even though	regardless
hand	after all	although	notwithstanding
on the contrary	but	instead	g
at the same	(and) still	whereas	
time	unlike	despite	
in spite of	or	conversely	

Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific conditions or intentions.

in the event that	on (the)	with this	in the hope that
granted (that)	condition (that)	intention	to the end that
as / so long as	for the purpose,	with this in	for fear that
	of	mind	in order to

seeing / being
that
in view of
If
... then
unless

when
whenever
while
because of
as
since

while
lest
in case
provided that
given that
only / even if

so that
so, as to
owing to
inasmuch as
due to

Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words
to put it
differently
for one thing
as an
illustration
in this case
for this reason
to put it another
way
that is to say
with attention,
to
by all means
important to
realize
another key
point

first thing to
remember
most
compelling
evidence
must be
remembered
point often
overlooked
to point out
on the positive
side
on the negative
side
with this in
mind
notably
including

like
to be sure
namely
chiefly
truly
indeed
certainly
surely
markedly
such as

especially
explicitly
specifically
expressly
surprisingly
frequently
significantly

particularly
in fact
in general
in particular
in detail
for example
for instance
to demonstrate
to emphasize
to repeat
to clarify
to explain
to enumerate

Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition words (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a **consequence** or an **effect**. Note that *for* and *because* are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result
under those
circumstances

in that case
for this reason
in effect

for
thus
because the

then
hence
consequently

therefore
thereupon

forthwith
accordingly

henceforth

Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude, summarize** and / or **restate** ideas, or indicate a final **general statement**. Also, some words (like *therefore*) from the **Effect / Consequence** category can be used to summarize.

as can be seen
generally
speaking
in the final
analysis
all things
considered
as shown above
in the long run

given these
points
as has been
noted
in a word
for the most
part
after all
in fact
in summary

in conclusion
in short
in brief
in essence
to summarize
on balance
altogether
overall
ordinarily
usually

by and large
to sum up
on the whole
in any event
in either case
all in all
Obviously
Ultimately
Definitely

Time / Chronology / Sequence

These transitional words (like *finally*) have the function of limiting, restricting, and defining **time**. They can be used either alone or as part of **adverbial expressions**.

at the present
time
from time to
time
sooner or later
at the same
time
up to the
present time
to begin with
in due time
as soon as
as long as
in the
meantime

in a moment
without delay
in the first place
all of a sudden
at this instant
first, second
immediately
quickly
finally
after
later
last
until
till
since

then
before
hence
since
when
once
about
next
now
formerly
suddenly
shortly
henceforth
whenever
eventually

meanwhile
further
during
in time
prior to
forthwith
straightaway
by the time
whenever
until now
now that
instantly
presently
occasionally

Many transition words in the time category (*consequently; first, second, third; further; hence; henceforth; since; then, when; and whenever*) have other uses.

Except for the numbers (*first, second, third*) and *further* they add a meaning of **time** in expressing conditions, qualifications, or reasons. The numbers are also used to **add information** or **list examples**. *Further* is also used to indicate added space as well as added time.

Space / Location / Place

These transition words are often used as part of **adverbial expressions** and have the function to restrict, limit or qualify **space**. Quite a few of these are also found in the **Time** category and can be used to describe spatial order or spatial reference.

in the middle
to the left/right
in front of
on this side
in the distance
here and there
in the
foreground
in the
background

in the center, of
adjacent to
opposite to
here
there
next
where
from
over
near

above
below
down
up
under
further
beyond
nearby
wherever
around

between
before
alongside
amid
among
beneath
beside
behind
across