

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

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

Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific conditions or intentions.

in the event that	to the end that	whenever	given that
granted (that)	for fear that	while	only / even if
as / so long as	in order to	because of	so that
on (the) condition	seeing / being that	as	so, as to
(that)	in view of	since	owing to
for the purpose, of	If	while	inasmuch as
with this intention	... then	lest	due to
with this in mind	unless	in case	
in the hope that	when	provided that	

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	most compelling	chiefly	in fact
to put it differently	evidence	truly	in general
for one thing	must be	indeed	in particular
as an illustration	remembered	certainly	in detail
in this case	point often	surely	for example
for this reason	overlooked	markedly	for instance
to put it another	to point out	such as	to demonstrate
way	on the positive side		to emphasize
that is to say	on the negative	especially	to repeat
with attention, to	side	explicitly	to clarify
by all means	with this in mind	specifically	to explain
important to	notably	expressly	to enumerate
realize	including	surprisingly	
another key point	like	frequently	
first thing to	to be sure	significantly	
remember	namely	particularly	

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	in effect	hence	accordingly
under those	for	consequently	henceforth
circumstances	thus	therefore	
in that case	because the	thereupon	
for this reason	then	forthwith	

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	as shown above	after all	in essence
generally speaking	in the long run	in fact	to summarize
in the final	given these points	in summary	on balance
analysis	as has been noted	in conclusion	altogether
all things	in a word	in short	overall
considered	for the most part	in brief	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