**Transitional Words and Phrases**

Transitional words and phrases can create powerful links between ideas in your paper and can help your reader understand the logic of your paper.

However, these words all have different meanings, nuances, and connotations.

Before using a particular transitional word in your paper, be sure you understand its meaning and usage completely and be sure that it's the right match for the logic in your paper.

**Addition**

**Clarification**

* that is to say
* in other words
* to explain
* i.e., (that is)
* to clarify
* to rephrase it
* to put it another way

**Cause**

* because
* since
* on account of
* for that reason

**Effect**

* therefore
* consequently
* accordingly
* thus
* hence
* as a result

**Exemplification or Illustration**

* to illustrate
* to demonstrate
* specifically
* for instance
* as an illustration
* e.g., (for example)
* for example
* furthermore
* moreover
* too
* also
* in the second place
* again
* in addition
* even more
* next
* further
* last, lastly
* finally
* besides
* and, or, nor
* first
* second, secondly, etc.

**Time**

* while
* immediately
* never
* after
* later, earlier
* always
* when
* soon
* whenever
* meanwhile
* sometimes
* in the meantime
* during
* afterwards
* now, until now
* next
* following
* once
* then
* at length
* simultaneously
* so far
* this time
* subsequently

**Place**

* here
* there
* nearby
* beyond
* wherever
* opposite to
* adjacent to

**Conclusion**

* in conclusion
* to conclude
* finally

**Demonstratives acting as transitions**

* this
* those
* these
* that

**Pronouns serving as links to clearly refer to a specific word or phrase**

* his
* its
* theirs
* it
* their
* your
* her
* they
* our

**Purpose**

* in order that
* so that
* to that end, to this end
* for this purpose

**Qualification**

* almost
* nearly
* probably
* never
* always
* frequently
* perhaps
* maybe
* although

**Concession**

* to be sure
* granted
* of course, it is true
* neighboring on
* above, below

**Comparison**

* in the same way
* by the same token
* similarly
* in like manner
* likewise
* in similar fashion

**Contrast**

* yet
* and yet
* nevertheless
* nonetheless
* after all
* but
* however
* though
* otherwise
* on the contrary
* in contrast
* notwithstanding
* on the other hand
* at the same time

**Intensification**

* indeed
* to repeat
* by all means
* of course
* certainly
* without doubt
* yes, no
* undoubtedly
* in fact
* surely
* in fact

**Summary**

* to summarize
* in sum
* in brief
* to sum up
* in short
* in summary