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| **Transition Word List** |

Transitions are words or phrases that show relationships between ideas.  Transitions, sometimes called signal words, give the reader a clue about what comes next in a passage.  Using transitions in your writing will make your ideas flow from one to another

 Transition words that show**Time or Sequence**

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| about  after  afterward  as soon as  as time passed  at  at last  at that instant | at the same time  at this point  before  by this time  during  earlier  eventually  finally | first  formerly  immediately  in the meantime  last  later  meanwhile  next | next week  not long after  presently  previously  second  simultaneously  since  soon | then  third  to begin with  today  tomorrow  until  when  yesterday |
| the earliest (-er)  the next earliest  the most recent | in the past  in the present  in the future | the day after tomorrow  shortly | first  then  next  at last | first  second  third  finally |
| the next day  two weeks later  six months later | this year  next year  in the next few years | thereafter  presently  after a short time  soon thereafter | straightaway  prior to  further  without delay  in due time | sooner or later  since  suddenly  instantly  formerly |

 Transition words that show**Importance**

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| also  another  even greater  finally  first  for one reason  notably  for this reason | furthermore  least (less)  more  more important (than)  moreover  most  in fact | most important  next  one  perhaps the greatest  second  third | the most important  equally important  the next important  the least important | the best  the next best  the least good  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  the best  the next best  the worst |

 Transition words that show**Comparison & Agreement**

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| **also**  **although**  **as**  **as wll (as)**  **besides**  **both** | **but**  **different from**  **equally important**  **even though**  **however**  **in contrast** | **in the same way**  **instead**  **just as**  **like**  **likewise**  **nevertheless** | **on the contrary**  **on the other hand**  **otherwise**  **similar to**  **similarly**  **so also** | **still**  **the same as**  **unlike**  **whereas**  **yet**  **comparable to** |

 Transition words that **Emphasize a Point**

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| again  for this reason | in fact | to emphasize | to repeat | truly |

 Transition words that show**Clarification**

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| for instance  for example | in other words  to clarify | that is  simply stated |

 Transition words that **Introduce Examples**

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| as proof  for example  for instance | in fact  in one case  indeed | in one example  in one instance | namely  one example of | to begin with  to illustrate |

 Transition words that **Add Information**

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| a further (example)  accordingly  additionally  again | a second (third etc.)  along with  also  and | another (example)  as well as  besides  finally | for example  for instance  furthermore | in addition (to)  moreover  next |

 Transition words that **Clarify**

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| for instance | in other words | that is |

 Transition words that **Connect Ideas**

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| after all  again  also  although  as  as a result  because  consequently  despite | even if  even though  further  however  in contrast  in fact  in other words  in particular  in spite of | indeed  instead  lastly  likewise  more specifically  naturally  nevertheless  nonetheless  on the contrary | on the one hand  on the other hand  one  similar to  similarly  since  so  specifically  still | still another  the last  the opposite of  though  to the contrary  while  yet |

 Transition words that **Conclude or Summarize**

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| all in all  as a result  as you can see  because (of) | consequently  due to  finally  for this reason | in brief  in conclusion  in response to  in short | in sum  in summary  lastly  therefore | thus  to conclude  to sum up  to summarize |