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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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| aboutafterafterwardas soon asas time passedatat lastat that instant | at the same timeat this pointbeforeby this timeduringearliereventuallyfinally | firstformerlyimmediatelyin the meantimelastlatermeanwhilenext | next weeknot long afterpresentlypreviouslysecondsimultaneouslysincesoon | thenthirdto begin withtodaytomorrowuntilwhenyesterday |
| the earliest (-er)the next earliestthe most recent | in the pastin the presentin the future | the day after tomorrowshortly | first thennextat last | firstsecondthirdfinally |
| the next daytwo weeks latersix months later | this yearnext yearin the next few years | thereafterpresentlyafter a short timesoon thereafter | straightawayprior tofurtherwithout delayin due time | sooner or latersincesuddenlyinstantlyformerly |

 Transition words that show**Importance**

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| alsoanothereven greaterfinallyfirstfor one reasonnotablyfor this reason | furthermoreleast (less)moremore important (than)moreovermostin fact | most importantnextoneperhaps the greatestsecondthird | the most importantequally importantthe next importantthe least important | the bestthe next bestthe least good\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the bestthe next bestthe 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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| againfor this reason | in fact | to emphasize | to repeat | truly |

 Transition words that show**Clarification**

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| for instancefor example | in other wordsto clarify | that issimply stated |

 Transition words that **Introduce Examples**

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| as prooffor examplefor instance | in factin one caseindeed | in one examplein one instance | namelyone example of | to begin withto illustrate |

 Transition words that **Add Information**

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| a further (example)accordinglyadditionallyagain | a second (third etc.)along withalsoand | another (example)as well asbesidesfinally | for examplefor instancefurthermore | in addition (to)moreovernext |

 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 allagainalsoalthoughasas a resultbecauseconsequentlydespite | even ifeven thoughfurtherhoweverin contrastin factin other wordsin particularin spite of | indeedinsteadlastlylikewisemore specificallynaturallyneverthelessnonethelesson the contrary | on the one handon the other handonesimilar tosimilarlysincesospecificallystill | still anotherthe lastthe opposite ofthoughto the contrarywhileyet |

 Transition words that **Conclude or Summarize**

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| all in allas a resultas you can seebecause (of) | consequentlydue tofinallyfor this reason | in briefin conclusionin response toin short | in sumin summarylastlytherefore | thusto concludeto sum upto summarize |