

# TRANSITION WORDS AND PHRASES

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## **For argumentation:**

all in all  
finally  
first, second, third  
for example  
for instance  
for these reasons  
however  
in addition  
in brief  
in short  
in summary  
in conclusion  
in other words  
nevertheless  
on the one hand...on the other  
hand  
still  
thus  
therefore  
as a result  
yet

## **To show cause and effect:**

so  
therefore  
because  
as a result  
since  
led to  
brought  
about  
caused

## **To compare:**

just as...so  
like  
likewise  
in comparison  
similarly  
in the same way

## **To contrast:**

although  
but  
conversely  
despite  
even though  
however  
in contrast  
instead  
nevertheless  
nonetheless  
on the contrary  
on the one hand...on the  
other hand  
still  
unlike  
whereas  
yet

## **To describe:**

above  
adjacent to  
at the bottom  
at the top  
behind  
below  
beyond  
in front of  
in the middle  
next to  
over  
under  
through  
within

## **To exemplify**

another  
for instance  
in fact  
namely  
specifically  
that is  
thus

## **To narrate:**

first  
second  
next  
then  
later  
at the same time  
meanwhile  
immediately  
soon  
before  
earlier  
after  
afterward  
now  
finally  
time markers such as three  
years later, in 1927, etc.

## **To show process:**

first  
second  
meanwhile  
after this  
next  
then  
at the same time  
when you have finished  
finally  
until

## **To classify and divide:**

the first category, the second  
category, etc.  
one category, the next category,  
another...etc.  
a more important category, the  
most important...etc.