



Homeschooling Teen Guide to: Transition Words & Phrases

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TRANSITION WORDS

Transition words and phrases are also called linking words or signal words. They hold written works together by bridging gaps between ideas, sentences, and paragraphs. They also help guide the reader through shifts of thought. The following pages list a variety of transitional expressions arranged by category for you to plug into your writing. Keep this list handy as you write, but be sure to understand a word's meaning before using it.

ADDITION / SEQUENCE

additionally
afterward
again
along with
also
and
and then
another
as well
besides
equally important

eventually
finally
first
further
furthermore
in addition
in the first place
initially
last
later
likewise

meanwhile
moreover
next
other
overall
second
still
then
third
too
what's more

CONTRAST

after all
alternatively
although
and yet
at the same time
but
conversely
despite
even so
even though

for all that
however
in contrast
in spite of
instead
nevertheless
nonetheless
nor
notwithstanding
on one hand

on the contrary
on the other hand
or
otherwise
rather
regardless
still
though
while it may appear
yet

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CONCESSION

admittedly
although
although it is true that
at any rate

conceding that
granted that
in fact
in spite of

no doubt
of course
surely
while it may be true

EXAMPLES / CLARIFICATION / EMPHASIS

above all
after all
an instance of this
anyway
as an illustration
as expected
assuredly
at least
by all means
by the way
certainly
clearly
definitely
especially
even
for example (e.g.)
for instance
for one thing

for this reason
in any event
in brief
in fact
in other words (i.e.)
in particular
in short
incidentally
indeed
more than that
most importantly
namely
naturally
of course
of major concern
on the whole
once again
really

remarkably
somewhat
specifically
such as
surely
that is
the following example
this can be seen in
thus
to clarify
to demonstrate
to illustrate
to put it another way
to repeat
to rephrase
truly
undoubtedly
without a doubt

LOCATION / DIRECTION

above
across
adjacent to
against
along
among
around
at that point
behind
below
beneath
beside
between
beyond
by
close by

closer to
down
elsewhere
far
farther on
here
in back of
in front of
in the back
in the distance
in the front
inside
into
near
nearby
neighboring on

next to
off
on the other side
on top of
onto
opposite to
outside
over
overhead
there
to the left
to the right
to the side
under
underneath
wherever



PURPOSE / CAUSE AND EFFECT

accordingly	for this purpose	then
as a consequence	hence	therefore
as a result	in order that	thereupon
because	on account of	thus
consequently	since	to this end
due to	so	with this in mind
for that reason	so that	with this objective

QUALIFICATION

almost	maybe	ordinarily
although	most likely	perhaps
always	nearly	probably
generally	never	typically
habitually	often	usually

RESULT

accordingly	due to	so that
and so	for this reason	then
as a result	hence	therefore
as an outcome	in consequence	thereupon
consequently	so	thus

SIMILARITY / COMPARISON

again	by the same token	like
also	for example	likewise
and	furthermore	moreover
as	in a like manner	once more
as well as	in a similar way	similarly
comparable	in the same way	so
besides	just as	while

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

after all	finally	in sum
all in all	in any event	in summary
as a result	in brief	lastly
as has been noted	in conclusion	on the whole
as I have said	in other words	that is clearly
as mentioned earlier	in particular	therefore
as stated	in short	to conclude
as we have seen	in simpler terms	to summarize



TIME

about
after
after a bit
after a few days
after a while
afterward
again
also
as long as
as soon as
at
at first
at last
at length
at that time
at the same time
before
beforehand
concurrently
currently
during
earlier
eventually
finally
first
following

for a minute
formerly
frequently
further
hence
immediately
in a few days
in the end
in the first place
in the future
in the meantime
in the past
initially
last
lately
later
many times
meanwhile
momentarily
next
next week
now
now and then
often
on (a certain day)
once

presently
previously
recently
second
shortly
simultaneously
since
so far
sometimes
soon
still
subsequently
then
thereafter
third
this time
to begin with
today
tomorrow
until
until now
when
when suddenly
whenever
while
yesterday

WORDS TO INTRODUCE QUOTATIONS

according to
acknowledges
adds
admits
affirms
agrees
argues
asserts
believes
brings to light
claims
clarifies
comments
concludes
confirms

contends
declares
describes
discusses
disputes
emphasizes
explains
implies
in his view
in her words
infers
insists
maintains
mentions
notes

observes
points out
prefers
proposes
relates
remarks
reports
responds
reveals
states
suggests
summarizes
thinks
verifies
writes

(Note: Whenever possible, avoid the overused words “says” and “said.”)