

Common Transitions

<i>Type of transition</i>	<i>Examples</i>	<i>What they tell reader</i>
Time and sequence	first, second, later, next, after, immediately, finally, eventually, subsequently	Ideas arranged in order in which they happened.
Example	for example, for instance, such as, like, to illustrate, to demonstrate, namely	A clarifying example will follow the idea.
Comparison	like, likewise, similarly, also, again, in comparison, in the same manner	The writer will show how the previous idea is similar to what will follow.
Contrast	on the other hand, but, however, in contrast, although, yet, despite	The writer is switching to a different idea than previously discussed.
Cause and effect	because, thus, therefore, since, consequently, hence, as a result, then, for this reason	The writer is showing a causal link between two ideas.
Concession	of course, naturally, granted, it may be the case that	The writer is admitting that another idea has validity.
Summary	thus, in short, on the whole, in brief, therefore, indeed	The writer is bringing many ideas together, stating a main point.