

Help Centres – English Support



Sentence Transitions: Connecting Ideas

Addition

First (of all),
to begin with,
also,
in addition,
even more important...
as well as...

the first reason...
second/third...
further/furthermore,
of equal importance...
most important...
in addition to...

in the first place,
another example...
moreover,
equally important...
also,
another...

Cause and Effect

So...
Leads to . . .
Because of . . . ,
For this/that reason,
Results in . . .

Because...
As a result,
Consequently,
Thus,
The first/second/third effect . . .

The cause/effect . . .
Therefore,
Due to . . . ,
Accordingly . . . ,
Since...

Comparison

At the same time,
Both
Likewise,
Similar to . . . ,
Just as . . . ,

Equally,
In the same way,
Like . . . ,
Similarly,
Also,

Alike,
Just like . . .
Too
Furthermore,

Contrast

But/Yet...
Despite . . . ,
Different from . . . ,
Except for . . . ,
In comparison,
Alternatively,
Rather than . . .

By comparison
Compared to . . .
In spite of . . . ,
However,
In contrast,
On the one hand, . . .
Still,

Even so
Conversely,
Instead (of . . .),
Although
Unlike . . .
Otherwise,
Even though

Sequence and Time

First/second/third,
As soon as . . . ,
Before . . . ,
Eventually,
First of all,

Then,
At first,
Next,
Finally,
Now,

After a while,
At last,
By this time,
To begin/start with,
Immediately,

Afterwards,
At the same time,
Earlier,
After . . . ,
Later,

In the beginning,	In the first place,	In the meantime,
Later on,	Meanwhile,	Subsequently,
Once . . . ,	One hour/day/month/year later,	After a few hours/days/months/years,
Soon after(ward),	The final/last step...	

To Conclude or Summarize

Accordingly,	As a result,	As stated,	Hence,
As shown,	Consequently,	Finally,	In sum,
In brief,	In conclusion,	Indeed,	Thus,
In final consideration,	In final analysis,	In general,	Therefore,
In summary,	Lastly,	Last of all,	To sum up,
On the whole,	To conclude,	To summarize,	

To Give an Example or Make a Point Clear

For example,	For instance,	One example . . .
Another example . . .	Specifically,	That is (to say),
Take the case of . . . ,	To clarify,	To demonstrate,
To illustrate,		

To Emphasize

As (has been) noted,	Certainly,	Definitely,	Frankly,
In any case,	In brief,	Indeed,	In fact,
No doubt,	In particular,	Naturally,	Surely,
Obviously,	Of course,	Pursuing this further,	Undoubtedly,
Surprisingly,	To be sure,	To repeat,	Undeniably,
Unquestionably,	Without a doubt,	Without reservation,	

Space and Location

Next to...,	Across...,	Across from...,	Kitty corner to...,
Above...,	Below...,	Behind...,	Near...,
In front of...,	To the left/right,	On the opposite side,	In...,
On...,	At...,		

Use	Sentence Connectors	Coordinating Conjunction	Subordinating Conjunction
To list ideas in time and sequence or order or importance	First, second (etc) Next Then First of all After that Finally		
To add another idea	Furthermore Also In addition Finally Moreover Besides	and	
To add an opposite idea	On the other hand However In contrast	But/yet	Although Even though
To add a similar idea	Similarly Likewise Also	and	
To give an example	For example For instance		
To give a cause (or reason)	The cause...	for	Because Since As
To show an effect (or result)	Therefore Thus The effect As a result	so	
To add a conclusion	In brief To summarize Thus To conclude In the end		