

Achieving Coherence in Writing: Transition Words and Phrases

To indicate **examples**:

occasionally
usually
often
frequently, especially
specifically
principally
mainly
namely
significantly
indeed
for example, for instance
first of all
for one thing
most important, most importantly
to illustrate
in particular
in general
in this way, in this manner

To indicate **comparison**:

at the same time
in the same way
in a like manner
likewise
similarly
like
as

To indicate **addition**:

and
also
above all
further, furthermore
moreover
first, second, third, etc.
next
other
besides
too
likewise
last
again
finally
in addition
in the second place, secondly
what is more
indeed
in fact

To indicate **contrast**:

although, even though, though
at the same time
and yet
conversely
however
but
in contrast
nevertheless, nonetheless
notwithstanding
on the one hand, on the other hand
rather
still
yet
whereas
or
not
on the contrary

To indicate **concession**:

no doubt, doubtless, doubtlessly
surely
certainly
naturally
granted that
although this [*noun*] may be true
admittedly, I admit, one must admit
I concede, one must concede
after all

To indicate **result**:

therefore
for that reason
consequently
as a result, as a consequence
then
thus
so
hence

To indicate **cause/reason**:

because
since
for

To indicate **repetition**:

again
as has been pointed out
as I have pointed out, as I have mentioned
to repeat
in other words
once again
in fact
indeed
to recapitulate, to repeat

To indicate **time**:

before
after, afterward
earlier
formerly
later
subsequently
presently
soon
shortly
meanwhile
simultaneously
now
then
after a while
at last
finally
at that time
in the meantime
in the past
up to now, until now

To indicate **place**:

between
among
here, there
elsewhere
above, below, behind, beyond, etc.
under, underneath
on top of
next to
adjacent to
opposite, opposite from, opposite to
farther, farther on
in the background