

# 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