

Transitions

Frequently Used In:
Speaking & Writing

Moving from one idea to another.

Transition words and phrases inform the reader how they should think about your ideas and the relationships between them. Transitions can be a word, a phrase, or even a complete sentence, and they connect ideas between your sections, paragraphs, and sentences within your paragraphs.

Organization and Transitions

The trick to good transitions is good organization. For longer works, start by evaluating the arrangement of your paragraphs—do they have a logical flow? Consider creating a reverse outline of your work to clarify your current organization and to highlight areas where transitions should guide your reader from one idea to another.

Choose the Right Transition for the Situation

To Add

Additionally, Again, Also, Further, Furthermore, In addition, Moreover, Similarly ...

To Contrast

Although, Despite, However, In contrast, In spite of, Nevertheless, On the contrary, Still, Yet ...

To Order

Afterwards, Earlier, First, Second, Third..., Finally, Following, Later, Next, Then ...

To Locate

Above, Below, Beyond, Here, Farther, Near, Nearby, Next to, Over yonder, There ...

To Cause

Accordingly, As a result, Because of, Consequently, Due to, Hence, Since, So, Therefore, Thus ...

To Show

For example, For instance, Specifically, To demonstrate, To illustrate ...

To Conclude

Briefly, Finally, In conclusion, In the end, In summary, In sum, On the whole, Therefore ...