

transitional words and expressions

Transitional words provide directional clues for the reader. They show the relationship between sentences in a paragraph. For example, the word furthermore says, "Wait! I have still more to say on the subject." So the reader holds the previously read sentences in mind while reading the next few sentences. This is a list of other transitional words and expressions.

<i>INTENTION OR RELATIONSHIP</i>	<i>TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS</i>
Amplification	For example, in other words, that is
Cause and effect	Accordingly, because, consequently, for this reason, hence, since, thus, therefore, if... then
Concession	Accepting the data, granted that, of course
Contrast or change	In another sense, but, conversely, despite, however, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, though, yet
No change	Similarly, moreover, also, too, in addition, likewise
Emphasis	Add to this, besides, in addition to this, even more, to repeat, above all, indeed, more important
Equal value	At the same time, likewise, similarly
Increasing quantity	Also, besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover, too
Order	First, finally, last, next, second, then
Summary	For these reasons, in brief, in conclusion, to sum up
Time	Then, since then, after this, thereafter, at last, at length, from now on, afterwards, before, formerly, later, meanwhile, now, presently, previously, subsequently, ultimately